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skills are imperative

but Britons are still

reluctant to learn

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Police to

get news

film on

bombing

suspects

By Frances Gibb

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF THE High Court yesterday ordered America's ABC News to hand police a film of the two Libyans accused of carry-ing out the Lockerbie bombing. The move came as

Western powers intensified efforts to impose a United Nations arms and air embar-

roations arms and air embargo on Libya after Tripoli broke a promise to hand the suspects to the Arab League.

ABC News said the film would be handed to the court today. Conject the film would be handed to the court today.

today. Copies of the film were

given to news organisations

after ABC lost the suit to

overturn an earlier order by Middlesex Crown Court to hand the tapes to police

Britain, France and Ameri-

ca renewed their efforts to

impose UN sanctions against Tripoli after the apparent fail-

ure of the Arab League to persuade Tripoli to surrender

the Lockerbie suspects -Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi

39, and Lamen Khalifa Fhi-

mah, aged 35. Western diplo-

mats said the sanctions

proposal could be passed by

the UN Security Council as

early as tomorrow. They

would include cutting off Lib

ya's air traffic and expelling

most Libyan diplomats sta-tioned abroad, an American

Tripoli's refusal to hand

over the men was a setback to

Arab efforts to defuse the

confrontation between Libya and the West. Sources in Cai-

ro said Colonel Muammar

Gadaffi, the Libyan leader,

and his second-in-command,

Abdel Salam Jalloud, told a

senior Arab League mission

to Tripoli that the suspects

would only be delivered to the

league when the Internation-

al Court of Justice had ruled

The court in the Hague is

due to start hearings today on Libva's request for an injunc-

tion barring the West from pressuring Tripoli to deliver

the men to stand trial in

The ABC organisation and

its London-based corres-

pondent, Pierre Salinger,

vho was press secretary to

President Kennedy, had

asked the judges to quash the

earlier order on the grounds

that it was too wide-ranging

and that they had not been

told the reasons why officers

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Scotland or America.

in the case.

official said in New York.

under anti-terrorist laws.

NHS dispute splits family

Election battle erupts over girl in Labour film

By Philip Webster and Jeremy Laurance

the gur's father. It was not

intended as a documentary of her case but was designed to

show the suffering of children in similar situations across

Margaret and John Ben-

neit were yesterday at logger-heads over the use made of their daughter's case and they backered openly over a letter sent by Mr Ardouin to the

family. Mr Bennett, who aler-

ted Robin Cook, Labour's

health spokesman, to his daughter's case, wanted the

contents of the letter known.

Mrs Bennett, a member of the Conservative party for ten

years and keen supporter of Roger Moate, her local Tory MP, wanted it kept confiden-

When Mrs Bennett left the

room her husband produced

the letter for a camera crew to

film, but when she returned

she scolded him fiercely and a

disagreement broke out. She was fiercely critical of

Labour's broadcast. "It is to-

tally irrelevant to my child. It

is not my child, it doesn't

portray my child, it doesn't

portray her school or circum-

stances in any way. Every-thing has been sorted out

with Jennifer, and she is

However, Mr Bennett said:

"I wrote to Mr Cook because

I was angry that Jennifer's treatment was taking too Continued on page 18, col 5

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much better now."

THE general election campaign entered its most bitter phase last night as the dispute over Labour's emotive health broadcast

The Conservatives attacked Neil Kinnock's fitness to govern and Labour accused the Tories of a desperate and dishonest attempt to smear

The Labour leadership last night stood by its broadcast, which portrayed a young girl in pain during a long wait for an operation, after a day dominated by health produced an exchange of viriol between the leading politi-cians on both sides. The To-ries were accused of trying to divert attention away from health and, in the most serious charge laid so far, Mr Kinnock was virtually ac-cused of lying by Chris Pat-ten, the Conservative chair-man. The Labour leader was dogged by persistent ques-

ANSIDE NAME Emu line softened

British scepticism about monetary union is being played down in Europe to help the campaign to win the headquarters of the European Bank for

London. Officials drawing plans for the six-month EC presidency are poised to propose to the next government that the campaign must overcome the handicap that Britain is seen as lukewarm on monetary union Page 18

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In the wake of socialist election setbacks. Jacques Delors will be faced with a difficult choice if President Minerrand should invite him to succeed Edith ... Page 13

Bandit line

A journey on the border express between the Azerbaijani and Georgian capitals is likely 10 be punctuated by bandits and

Summer hope

Another 60,000 jobs will go over the next 12 months but recovery will start this summer, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Engineering Employers Federation Page 19

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Neil Kinnock says Labour would consider a new minimum tax to block loopholes for the rich. He responded to calculation that under their shadow that under their shadow budget a £40,000 head-teacher would pay less than a millionaire with £100,000 investment in come by saying that Lab-our would look at the American system of guar-anteed basic liability. He says in a Times interview that entrepreneurs would be undeterred by higher Page 14

tioning about the broadcast throughout the day. John Major said last night,

during a speech in Edin-burgh, that Labour's exploi-tation of the National Health Service for political advan-tage would cause shock and distress. "The British people are not naive," he said.

"They will have noticed the relish with which Labour's spokesmen have blackened the health service and the doctors and nurses who work in it. No regard for the truth. No regard for the feelings and emotions of the families they used. Nothing but con-cern for their own self-seeking propaganda. None of that simple decency which the British people expect."

Labour's decision to play the health card, by highlighting the contrasting experiafford private operations with those who had to wait on the NHS, was met by a sharp counter-attack from the Conservative high command.

Labour was accused of fabrication, Nazi-style propaganda and of trading in the misery of families after the mother of Jennifer Bennett, the girl whose case inspired the broadcast, said the film did not accurately reflect what happened to her. Alan Ardouin, the consultant who handled the Bennett case, described the broadcast as 'over the top".

Labour, however, made plain that its film had been inspired by an approach from



Opinion polls put major parties neck and neck

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE two major parties are running neck and neck after 13 days of campaigning, according to the latest opinion poll by Gallup, published in The Daily Telegraph today.

The figures, compared with a previous one by the polling organisation, show a small drift towards Labour. Other polls earlier this week indicated a slight move towards

the Tories. The survey measures support at Labour 40.5 per cent, Conservatives 40 per cent. Liberal Democrats 16.5 per cent and others 3 per cent. It

survey the Conservatives have dropped half a point. Labour

1.5 points. A survey by NMR, taken over the same two days and published in today's The European, also gives Labour the narrowest of leads. It measures party support at Labour 39 per cent, Conservatives 38 per cent, Liberal Democrats 19 per cent and

others 4 per cent.

used a sample of 1,092 on Tuesday and yesterday. Since last week's Gallup

is up two points and the Liberal Democrats are down

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glue ear operation inspired the Labour broadcast, in Faversham yesterday

Pakistan triumph in **World Cup**

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IMRAN Khan led Pakistan to a 22-run victory over England in the final of the cricket World Cup yesterday in front of 87,000 in Melbourne.

Looking jaded in the field, England could not contain Pakistan's later batting, and in their own innings never regained momentum after losing Ian Botham and Alec Stewart for 21. Imran, the day's top scorer with 72, took the last wicket in the final

Graham Gooch, the England captain, said: "It is not the end of the world — close to it - but you have to live with

defeat as a sportsman." England drew 2-2 with Czechoslovakia in their international football match in Prague yesterday. Paul Merson and Martin Keown scored the England goals after the home side had twice taken the lead.

Senior China envoy defects in London

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

FENG Bao Sheng, a first secretary at the Chinese embassy in London, has defected and asked the Home Office to allow him and his wife to stay in Britain.

Mr Feng, who has been in London for two years, did not report for work at the embassy on Wednesday last week. The Home Office said yesterday that his case was being handled in the normal way by immigration officials, but would give no details.

His defection is a considerable embarrassment for Peking, which is trying to improve Western perceptions of its human rights record. Mr Feng was reported to be in contact in London with Chinese pro-democracy groups, but the Chinese embassy denied in a statement yesterday that his defection was in any.

way political.
"Mr Feng was involved in an extramarital affair," the statement said. "His departure has nothing to do with politics. Therefore political

asylum is out of the question. Mrs Feng has requested several times that they return home earlier. It is strange that the couple left together without any notice. The reason for this is unclear."

Whitehall was easer not to create a link between the defection and negotiations with China over Hong Kong. A senior official said the Chinese knew that Britain had standard procedures for dealing with such cases. There had been a steady stream of Chinese seeking to stay in Britain since the massacre in Tiananmen Square, and this had not interfered with the

talks on Hong Kong. But the incident comes at a sensitive time in the Hong Kong talks. The Joint Liaison Group has begun a new meet ing in Hong Kong and is discussing the deployment of Chinese troops and the use of British garrison bases after Britain's departure in 1997.

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Saturday night at the Shinto Ritual

Travel to Tokyo in the summer, and you might find yourself attending a Naked Festival. But don't worry. While you'll be surrounded by excited young men indulging in a frenzied fertility ritual, you won't be expected to take part. Even more reassuring, you won't be killed...as once happened in this ancient Shinto

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Unpaid bills bring cosmonaut down to earth

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Major Tom, the Soviet cos-monaut who lived out David Bowie's pop fantasy about being lost in space, came down to earth yesterday - and found that he was broke.

Sergei Krikalev appears to be about the only person unmoved by his own plight. While Earth-bound watchers fretted. Mr Krikalev calmly orbited 300 miles up in the Mir space station with the hammer and sickle emblazoned on its side. In conversations with the ground he made little of the fact that a mission that was meant to last three months had stretched to more than ten.

From a leading member of a proud elite, Mr Krikalev, aged 33, came home to find his wife struggling to manage on his salary of 500 roubles a month. "Sur-viving gets harder by the day," she said. "People think we are privileged but I have to queue at the shops like everyone

else." At a reported 500 roubles a month, Mr Krikalev's salary is half that of an average worker and barely above the poverty line. It would buy only four weeks supply of bread, milk and

The flight engineer steered his craft to a soft landing in Kazakhstan, the same central Asian region from which he blasted off last May to board the Mir space station for a stay not expected to last out the year. The territory he left was still part of the Soviet Union. Today, a Russian like himself is technically a foreigner on the soil of Kazakhstan. With him in the Soyuz-TM landing craft. were his compatriot, Aleksandr Volkov, who has spent a mere 175 days in space. and a German air force officer, Klaus-Dietrich Flade, who had joined the station for a fleeting eight-day visit. State television said Mr Krikalev was

"feeling fine". Yet the state of health will be the subject of close scrutiny both by specialists and the general public after a spate of rumours last month that he was suffering from the effects of his marathon 313-day stay in space. The rumours were strongly denied by a se-

nior Russian scientist.
While Mr Kirkalev was away the Soviet Union broke up and its president, Mikhail Gorbachev, lost his job. The name of his home town, Leningrad. reverted to St Petersburg. Mr Krikalev was due to return last August but the Tailed coup against Mr Gorbachev put a stop to that. Then his chance to come home last October was disrupted by a dispute between Russia and Kazakhstan, only settled when the Russians agreed to send an inexperienced Kazakh up in place of the man due to relieve the flight engineer



Krikalev: health will be subject to close scrutiny



Manchester vies for Roundhouse

By SIMON TAIT. ARTS CORRESPONDENT

Exchange Theatre hopes to emulate the Royal Shakespeare Company - whose first home is in Stratfordupon-Avon, Warwickshire - by establishing a London base for its productions.

In doing so the company. which is the third most prolific producing house in the country behind the National Thearre and the RSC. could be solving a ten-yearold problem: what to do with the Roundhouse. The former railway engine shed at Chalk Farm in Camden. north London, which operated as a theatre in the 1960s and 70s, is to be sold by tender by Camden council on April 10.

The Royal Exchange, which was at the fore of the successful bid to have Manchester declared Britain's city of drama for 1994. has joined the Roundhouse Arts Centre Committee to

MANCHESTER'S Royal make a joint bid for the building. The committee is made up of Lord Rix. chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel, Melvyn Bragg and Laurie Marsh. a developer.

Theatre stars were at the Roundhouse yesterday to help to launch the scheme. It will be considered with others by Camden council. which has specified that it wants the building used as a cultural centre or theatre. The Arts Council will also see the tenders, which could number as many as 200.

The Roundhouse was one of London's most lively theatre venues under the direction of the producer Thelma Holt, who brought the Georgian Rustaveli Theatre

Peter Brook described it as the most exciting theatrical space in Europe. Financial problems closed it in

Committee deadlocked over advocacy rights monopoly

Bar fends off challenge

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Crown Prosecution Service appears to have lost the battle to break the Bar's monopoly of advocacy rights in the crown and higher courts, for the near future at least.

The 16-member committee of lawyers and laymen appointed by the Lord Chancellor to tackle what remains one of the most contentious of the government's legal reforms is apparently deadlocked. Eighteen months after the

Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 reached the statute book, the committee is believed to be split over whether crown prosecutors should be allowed to take cases in the higher courts. The question may have to be referred to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

Such a referral would be a blow not only to the CPS but to the government legal service as a whole, which has been awaiting the outcome of the committee's deliberations for a year. The committee has been wrestling since last April with the question of which lawyers should be allowed into which courts.

in spite of the aim of the legislation — repeated in the Conservative manifesto — to grant people a wider choice of advocate, consistent opposi-tion by the Bar to what it sees as the dangers of a "state prosecution service" appears to be winning the day.

The committee is expected to report in mid-April on two key applications made to it: one from the Law Society, seeking rights of audience in the higher courts for solicitors subject to a staged training programme, with immediate rights for solicitors to handle guilty pleas and pre-trial High Court applications: the other, an application from the Government Legal Service and Crown Prosecution Service that challenges a Bar council rule, preventing employed barristers having the same advocacy rights as their private practice colleagues. This afflects not just crown prosecutors but all lawyers employed by government or in industry.

The committee is likely to insist on further training before solicitors can acquire the right to handle even guilty eas or pre-trial applications. Some committee members are thought to favour granting government-employed lawvers - who can now appear in magistrates' courts - the right to handle perhaps 7 or 10 per cent of crown court cases

But the Bar has strenuously fought this, arguing that it is the thin end of a wedge and that if the principle is wrong. it is wrong for all cases. Advo-cacy rights is the latest of the government's legal reforms to faiter. Two weeks ago, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, announced the shelving of proposals to open up the conveyancing market to banks and building societies. Plans to allow lawvers to take cases on a "no win no fee" basis have led so far to a consultation paper of very

limited impact. David Tench, legal director of the Consumers' Association, which was one of the driving forces behind the reforms, said: "Three years ago, when the Green Papers were published, it all looked so exciting. What has happened? After all this time, it looks as if the committee has come up with almost nothing. The question will have to be tackled more vigorously in the next government.

Laurent redefines timeless classics

FROM LIZ SMITTH. FASHION EDITOR, PARIS

THE fashion business has its flirtations with innumerable designer fads and faces, but it usually comes back in the end to the reassuring qualities of le style Saint Laurent.

At the end of the Paris fashion week, where the tailored trouser suit turned out to be the hottest trend on the catwalks, Yves Saint Laurent wrapped up the entire event with a parade of skilfully updated trouser suits to remind us all that his were the first pioneered in 1970 - and are

still the best. Even with his left arm in plaster after a recent fall, M Saint Laurent was en plèin forme, cheered by his fans, led by Danielle Mitterrand next to Catherine Deneuve in the front row, and the designer's mother in her customary

His jackets, with a new narrower cut on the shoulders and skinnier sleeves than past years, skim in and out at all the right places. Trousers are

When it comes to skirts, he offers the choice of short or long. But apart from a fringed suede mini-to-maxi style, Saint Laurent's new long length is uncompromis-ing. Skirts are flared to mid-calf or over-the-knee styles with sensible Miss Marple pleats which give many of his suits a Thirties feel.

Lampshade fringing is one of his less successful notions, used to edge sombreros and trilbies as well as jackets and skirts. But his gold ribbon tring or simple tringers looker. trim on simple twinsets looks great, and then there were the little black dresses and satin-lapelled dinner suits that the French call le smoking, which look their glossiest at Saint

sequins. Even if the master himself were working on auto-pilot, as has often seemed the case in his recent bouts of illhealth, he regularly redefines his classics. This season they are more pertinent to the need for a strongly defined fashion concept than most.

Engineer takes architecture prize

The award of the Riba gold medal to Peter Rice will focus attention on the designing role of engineers, writes Marcus Binney

AN ENGINEER has won the world's top architecture award. The annual Riba royal gold medal has been given to Peter Rice, a director of the British engineering firm Ove Arup & Partners.

The award will focus attention on the role of engineers in designing some of the world's most adventurous buildings. Until recently, engineers have been willing to play a backroom role, but are now beginning to demand, vociferously and with some justification, that their creative input be given equal billing to architects'

Over more than 30 years of professional practise, Mr Rice has shown himself to be at the forefront of innovation in modern architecture's two main building systems, concrete and steel

He has suffered from a brain tumour recently. A col-league said: "It affected his sight but the treatment is being successful."

Born in Ireland, he studied engineering at Queen's Univbecame site engineer to the Sydney Opera House, a visionary structure, which the engineers alone found a way of building. He designed the structure of the Pompidou centre in Paris for Renzo Piano and Sir Richard Rogers, the structure of the Lloyd's building, again for Sir Richard, and a tensile tented roof of the award-winning cricket stand at Lord's

for Michael Hopkins. Mr Rice, aged 56, is one of the 17 main board directors of Arup but divides his time between London and Paris, where he established his own engineering practise Rice, Francis and Ritchie

He is developing new glass technology. Ron Marsh, his colleague, said: "He works so closely with architects that he is almost one himself. It's the love of his life. He is able to feed that enthusiasm to the young engineers here at Arup and many of the brightest stars begin work in his

Richard MacCormack,

president of Riba, said: "His work is in the tradition of the great Victorian engineers ex-tending the possibilities of architecture. Like all great engineers he combines inno-

vation with practicality and

great beauty. The international nature of the Riba gold medal is reflected in past awards to Alvar Aalto from Finland. Charles Correa from India, Pier Luigi Nervi from Italy, Arata Isozaki from Japan and Buckminster Fuller and Louis Kahn from the United

Mr Rice has spent considerable time in Italy working with Renzo Piano, with whom he is developing a system of lightweight temporary



Rice: at the forefront of innovative architecture

shelters which can be used after natural disasters such as earthquakes. With Renzo Piano (himself a gold medal-list). Mr Rice designed the Menil Museum at Houston. Texas, a football stadium at Bari and a system of collapsible fabric tents as travelling workshops in Otranto, Italy,

In Paris, he is responsible for the glass walls of the new science museum at La Villett and the canopy under the Grande Arche at La Defense. His Pavilion of the Future at the Seville Expo explores the

use of stone in a novel way.

The gold medal jury consisting of Mr MacCormack, Professor Michael Brawne, Ted Cullinan, Eva Jiricna, Jeremy Dixon, Richard Burdett and Peter Davey.

London car ban wanted

A majority of Londoners who replied to a survey in Time Out magazine said they would like to see private cars banned from parts of the

Concern over the environment figures high in the survey, to which 391 readers responded, with 66 per cent saying that development of the Underground system was the best way to improve transport.

Almost two thirds called for more government subsidies to fund public transport, while haif said that cheaper fares were needed.

Mobil fined

The Mobil oil company was fined a total of £40,000 by magistrates at Grays, Essex, yesterday for three oil spillages last October and November from its refinery at Coryton. The spills killed fish and birds and created oil slicks up to three miles long in the Thames Estuary. The company blamed equipment failure. It has paid £115.000 for the cleaning operation.

Chairman held

Bri

Maurice Roworth, the chairman of Nottingham Fores: football club and a partner in a Nottingham firm of char-tered accountants, has been questioned by police over allegations involving the management of investment funds. Police said yesterday that Mr Roworth, aged 63, had been arrested and released on police bail until 22

CORRECTIONS

In a leading article yesterday. The Times said that pensioners do not have to pay for dental treatment. In fact, only pensioners on income support and certain war pensioners are exempt from charges.

The dancers with the Princes: of Wales on page 14 of The Times yesterday were from the English National Ballet, not from the English Nat-

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Road scheme runs into jam

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

A £200 million road im-provement scheme for east London will change the area into the worst traffic bottleneck in Britain, it was claimed yesterday.

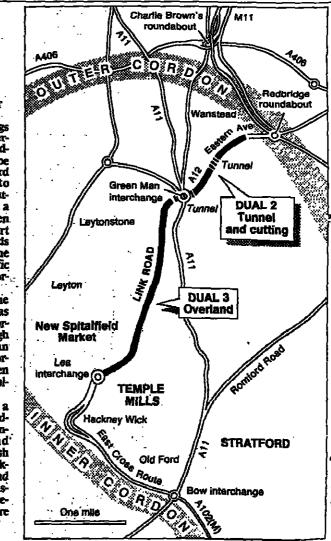
The A12 Hackney Wick to M11 Link Road, first proposed in 1983, is now so obsolete that it must be redesigned to take account of big changes in local cir-cumstances, transport analysts say. Failure to make the necessary alterations. before work begins in the summer, will be a monument to myopic government planning, according to Alan Cornish, of the chartered institute of transport's working party on congestion, created in

January.
Under plans drawn up by the transport department. the inner urban section of the scheme, which runs overground from the Green Man interchange in Ley-tonstone to the Lea interchange near Hackney Wick will be two and three lanes. But the outer urban section, which runs in a se-

ries of tunnels and cuttings from the Green Man interchange towards the Redbridge roundabout, will be ianes with no hard shoulder. Proposals to make the tunnel and cuttings wide enough to add a hard shoulder had been dismissed by transport officials on the grounds that it would undermine the department's "traffic restraint policy. Mr Cornish said.

Since the mid-1970s, the transport department has tried to discourage motor-ists from driving through east London by creating an inner and outer traffic cordon. The cordons have been designed to reduce the volume of vehicles.

This policy had created a bottleneck through Redbridge, Wanstead, Leytonstone, Leyton, and Hackney Wick, Mr Cornish said. The Stratford-Hackney Wick area would grind to a halt unless new transport infrastructure was designed to cater for future traffic demand.



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Computers to warn jail chiefs of riot danger

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE prison service is developing a computer-based detector system that will provide early warning of serious disturbances.

The system is one of a number of big changes being made as a result of the riot in 1990 at Strangeways prison, Manchester, it emerged at a British Psychological Society conference in Harrogate. North Yorkshire, yesterday. Prison officers and psychol-

Prison officers and psychologists are working on a computer base that will carry data on the populations of individual prisons including details of prisoners' behaviour, their records of assault against staff and fellow inmates, and any escape attempts. Prison staff will be trained to observe inmates more systematically.

The computer, which will be available to senior prison psychologists, will check whether incoming prisoners have any links with those already there and whether jointly they have a bad behaviour record.

Quentin Miller, a senior psychologist at Whitemoor prison, March, Cambridge

Prisoner wins right to private letters

By Richard Ford HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON authorities were in breach of a convicted murderer's human rights by opening and reading correspondence between him and his solicitor, the European Court of Human Rights ruled vesterday.

yesterday.

The court rejected by an eight-to-one majority the government's argument that prison rules provided for all letters to serving prisoners to be opened and read. It said that although some control was not contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights, prisoners were entitled to a degree of

confidentiality.

Last night, officials in the Home Office and Scottish Office were studying the judgment to see whether it would mean changes to regulations governing prisoners' mail that were introduced after the case was brought in 1986. The new regulations appear to satisfy the court's belief that some measure of control should exist.

should exist.

The case was brought by Thomas Campbell, aged 40, who is serving a life sentence in the special unit at Barlinnie prison, Glasgow. He complained that since 1985 prison authorities had opened and screened letters to and from his solicitor. Before taking his case to the court, he had complained to the Home Office, which told him that all correspondence would be opened in accor-

dance with normal rules.

The court said that prisoners' rights to some degree of confidentiality meant that prison authorities could open a letter from a lawyer to a prisoner "when they have reason to believe that it contains an illicit enclosure which the normal means of detection have failed to disclose". The judges insisted that the letter should not be read.

The government has agreed to pay the prisoner's £8,000 costs.

shire, who helped with mosttop negotiations at Strangeways, said yesterday: "The
system will then give us a
measure of an individual's
badness, if you like. If you
have a certain number of
individuals with a high score,
what we would say is don't be
surprised if you have
trouble."

At the society's criminological and legal conference yesterday, several papers were delivered outlining the lessons learnt from the lengthy. Strangeways riot. Conference officials said that it was clear that attempts to resolve the riot swiftly by negotiation were harmed by disorientation tactics such as blaring police sirens, helicopter flights and firecrackers. If you go for negotiations you go for straight negotiations. You do not have a mixture of negotiations and disorienta-

tion," Mr Miller said.

The number of psychologists trained in siege management has been nearly trebled to 39 since the Strangeways disturbance, and the countrywide team is on emergency call 24 hours a day. Prison officers are having psychological training to help them to cope emotionally after a siege. Pam Wilson, a psychologist at the young offenders institution at Eathan proper property of the property of th

at the young offenders institution at Feitham, west London, said some prison officers may have suffered more stress-related difficulties than victims of disasters such as Zeebrugge. Officers were forced to reconfront the perpetrators of a riot or, as at Strangeways, forced to move to a new prison away from family and friends.

Mr Miller said there was also a debate within police and prison circles over the role of the media in prolonging the Strangeways riot by giving the perpetrators the feeling of being in control. He said there was a case for dealing with prison riots in the same way as a hostage-taking where the police appeal for a media blackout for 24 hours.



The agony: England fans watching the World Cup final live on satellite TV at the Oval find the last over too much to bear

Beer and tears at the Pavilion End

They poured into the pub early, ready to celebrate. But by 12.30 they were all out.

Alan Hamilton joins the armchair fans

THE 87,182 crowd at the Melbourne ground may have missed by a whisker the world record for watching cricket, but the crowd of 600 shoehorned into the bar was deemed by the management to be an all-time record for watching televised sport in the Pavilion End, a leather-and-willow theme pub down a back alley in the heart of the City of London.

Fittingly, in view of the outcome, the first customer was a Pakistani. Khawar Mann, aged 26, a trainer solicitor, strode through the doors at 6.15 and being both Muslim and exceedingly early, confined himself to breakfast at £4.95 while he watched his team's storming progress on the three screens delivering live coverage.

Mr Mann enjoyed a better bargain than those who

turned up at the Oval, where breakfast and a view of the action on a giant screen cost £22.50, proceeds being promised to Ian Greig's benefit fund.

Satisfied with his team's total of 249, Mr Mann judiciously left for work at eight, as did many other early birds who even by then knew that England had a job on their hands.

As the pub refilled with a new crowd, Botham's dismissal for nought brought anguished groans followed by numbed silence. Up in Edinburgh, John Major, who had agreed to be photographed warching the television as a campaigning stunt, stood up when Botham fell and strode off to a press conference to discuss lesser issues.

By 11 am the Pavilion End



The ecstasy: Pakistan fans celebrating at the Sanam restaurant in Bradford

was packed to bursting. The tide turned at 11.17, with the dismissal in frighteningly rapid succession of Lamb and Lewis. From that moment the Pavilion End crowd cheered every single, every four, every wide.

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But it was to no avail. At the moment of defeat around 12.30 the pub emptied. The landlord, Steve Simmons, said: "I told the staff to be ready for a big rush if we

won. Even when we were losing we were so full that people could not get to the bar. Still, we've got England v Czechoslovakia on the telly tonight."

• Karachi: Pakistan's success was greeted with jubilation here (Zahid Hussein writes). Karachi reverberated with the sound of gunfire and thousands of people poured on to the street waving Pakistani flags and sing-

ing national songs. In Lahore, the home town of Imran Khan and Wasim Akram where the government has announced a two-day national holiday, fireworks were set off and drivers honked their horns. In Islamabad, offices, banks and schools reported high absenteeism.

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Reluctant father loses plea for access

A man who tried to persuade his girl friend to have an abortion failed yesterday to win legal access to the child.

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Mrs Justice Booth, in the High Court Family Division, upheld a decision by magistrates refusing to allow the father to see the girl, now aged 20 months, although he may be able to renew his application when she is older. Kingston upon Thames magistrates had said that his the streament to persuade his there.

Kingston upon Thames magistrates had said that his attempts to persuade his then girl friend to have an abortion and blood tests had "poisoned" her attitude towards him. Mrs Justice Booth said the magistrates rightly took the view that the principle of children knowing their parents was outweighed by the distress that access would cause.

Juice charges

Sainsbury's was accused yesterday of misleading the public over the purity of its fruit juices. Tower Bridge magistrates, southeast London, were told that tests found traces of additives in the product, even though it was labelled as "unsweetened". The firm faces six charges under food and safety acts and four under the Trades Description Act. The case was adjourned until April 22.

Train derailed

Sixty passengers were led to safety along a railway track yesterday after the rear two carriages of the 7.50am train from London Victoria to Ramsgate, Kent, were derailed at Bickley Junction in south London, close to Bromley South station. No one was hurt but the driver was taken to hospital suffering from shock. British Rail said it did not yet know what had caused the accident.

Tunnel vision

An exhibition commemorating the 149th anniversary of the opening of Brunel's Thames tunnel, the precursor in technique of today's Channel tunnel, opened yesterday at the restored engine house in Rotherhithe, east London, which powered the digging between 1825 and 1843. Designed for use by pedestrians, the tunnel is used today by London Underground trains.

British explorer discovers biggest Asian elephant

BY NIGEL HAWKE SCIENCE EDITOR

THE British explorer John Blashford-Snell has found what he believes to be the largest Asian elephant in a remote corner of West Nepal. The creature, long spoken of in hushed tones by locals who said that it resembled a mammoth, stands 11ft 3in tall at the shoulder, 2in taller than the previous record-holder, an Asian bull elephant shot in Ceylon in 1882.

Colonel Blashford-Snell

Colonel Blashford-Sneil heard the stories about the elephant and led an expedition under the auspices of Raleigh International to try to find it.

In the event he found two,

both with curious domed forcheads, extraordinarily fat bodies and long beaded tails. Both are bulls and have huge tusks. The author and naturalist Ian Douglas-Hamilton, an elephant specialist, is in Nepal following up the discovery.

discovery.
Yesterday, Colonel Blashford-Snell travelled to New York for the annual meeting of the Explorers' Club, where he is to describe the find. He says that the two elephants were found in deep jungle



Jungle king: Raja Gaj, measured at 11ft 3in close to the Himalayas, in an area where no other wild elephants live.

The larger of the two, which local people have named Raja Gaj (King Elephant), was measured using different techniques. "You can't get wild elephants to stand still while you go up to them with a tape measure," Colonel Blashford-Snell said.

One method is to measure the diameter of the forefoot print and multiply by six another is to take sightings across the elephant's shoulder to distant

The techniques provided the same figure for Raja Gaj. His companion, Kancha, was measured at 10ft 6iii. African elephants are often bigger, some reaching 13ft.

Yesterday, experts at the Natural History Museum suggested that the two elephants might be old m²'s, ousted from a larger group of elephants by younger ones. "It's nice to know there are still some big elephants about but scientifically we are no longer terribly interested in sheer size — that rather went out with the big game hunters," one of them said.

The two elephants seem to be lonely. One night Rajah Gaj broke into the camp and snapped the chains of a domestic female elephant that was being used by the expedition. She was rescued only when the elephant drivers lit flaming torches to frighten him away.

Colonel Blashford-Snell hopes that some females may be introduced into the area to build up a herd.

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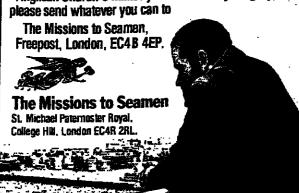
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Taunted instructor punched motorist

By ROBIN YOUNG

A DRIVING instructor who specialised in teaching nervous learners blacked the eye and broke the hand of a motorist who hooted behind one of her pupils, Reading crown court was told yesterday.

Carole Day, aged 43, who had been a driving instructor for nine years and ran her own school, had a particularly nervous pupil last March in Gillian Carrington, aged 34, of Ascot, Berkshire.

When Mrs Carrington had trouble pulling onto a round-about Lynne Fairman, aged 44, of Crowthorne, on her way to collect her daughter, became impatient and sounded her horn. Neil Moore, for the prosecution, said that Day, from

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Camberley, Surrey, raised two fingers. Her pupil, overcome by nerves, then stalled the car three times. Day got out and went to speak to Mrs Fairman, who made a sarcastic remark about the instructor's teaching abilities. Day, said Mr Moore, then banged Mrs Fairman's hand against the car window and punched her in the face.

Day denied assault causing actual bodily harm, claiming that she had only retaliated. Judge Spence, conceding that there had been a degree of provocation, 'gave Day a conditional discharge for 12 months, ordering her to pay £500 conpensation and £500 costs.

Environmental pressure converts wartime oddity into natural power source for today's motorist

Cars switch to gas for a greener fuel

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

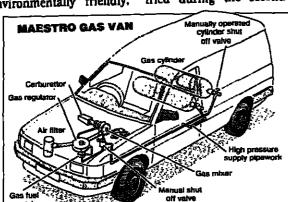
NATURAL gas could be the fuel for the cars, vans and lorries of the future, replacing petrol and proving easier and more economical to introduce than electric vehicles, according to British

Gas engineers. Gas, compressed into small cylinders in a car boot, could provide the same range and performance as petrol yet would be more environmentally friendly.

particularly in city driving. they said. The claims were made vesterday as the company introduced gaspowered vehicles at the Fleet Motor Show at Silverstone, Northamptonshire. British Gas is already con-

verting its own cars and vans and hopes to have 500 running on natural gas by the end of the year.

Running cars on gas was tried during the second



world war when petrol was rationed. A number of popular models were converted to run on readily available coal gas, but it could not be compressed and cars had to carry a big and potentially hazardous balloon of fuel.

Gas is now easily compressed into slim, metal cylinders that can be installed in a car boot. Estimating excise duties, gas engineers say the cost would be the equivalent of £1.20 for a gallon of petrol - between 85p and £1.05 cheaper.

Engine emissions of carbon dioxide, the main contributor to global warming, are 30 per cent lower than from petrol cars, while there is 70 per cent less carbon monoxide and virtually no lead, sulphur, soot or hydrocarbons.

More than a million cars are using the fuel successfully in other countries, particularly in Canada and Italy. British Gas believes that



Garage balloon: a wartime Austin after filling up its unwieldy gas bag at a special depot in London

there is a large market in Britain, where towns and cities are becoming increasingly polluted by vehicles jammed on congested roads. The company has approached motor manufacturers to try to launch a cooperative venture to design

engines specifically for gas Meanwhile, for about

£1,000, British Gas will convert vehicles with conventional petrol engines either to run on gas alone or to use gas as a back-up fuel, which could be used in cities at the

flick of a dashboard switch as an alternative to petrol or

Company fleets could benefit by refuelling from terminals up in their own vehicle depots. Widespread use by ordinary drivers could vicually do away with the need

for roadside filling stations. The motorist would need only a compressor at home to recharge the cylinders direct from the gas main. The only calls needed at filling stations would then be on longhaul journeys away from

Tax cuts fail to relieve dealers' gloom

BY OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CAR sales are still falling in spite of the halving of special car tax in the Budget aimed at reviving the motor industry.

Figures obtained by The Times last night indicate that uncertainty over the election and the traditional spring downturn mean that motor manufacturers are unlikely to see any improvement in business until August. New car sales fell last year by 20.7 per cent, worth about £3.2 billion to manufacturers.

The cut in special car tax on March 10 reduced the average price of cars by around £400 but although there was a flood of registrations after the announcement as many as 20,000 were for cars ordered before Budget day.

The figures from manufacturers show that car registrations after 20 days in March were 83,827, down 8 per cent on the same period last year.

Motor manufacturers said yesterday that there would have to be a sudden and unexpected boom in the final ten days of the month to reach the 168.854 registrations recorded in March last year, which were already 19.1 per cent below monthly sales for March 1990.

Vauxhall said last night: "The election has come too soon after the Budget for a proper assessment. There seems no doubt that buyers are uncertain and are hold-

Citroen UK, the British arm of the French manufac-turer, said: "The Budget was welcome but then there is the election, and people place orders but wait until the August registration change. We don't see any real prospects of an uptum until all of this is cleared away.

The March figures provide little relief for Ford, which last month announced record pre-tax losses for 1991 of £590 million. The company told its 1,000 dealers to aim for a 30 per cent share of the new car market. On the day of the Budget, Ford cut prices of some of its most popular models by up to £750 in addition to the Budget tax savings. However, Ford has achieved a market share so far this month of only 20.1 and below the 22.5 per cent of March last year. Vauxhall has also fallen back to 17.4 per cent while Rover has seen its share drop from 16.5 per

cent to 11.9 per cent. The biggest winners so far this month have been French car firms with Peugeot, which has a manufacturing plant at Ryton, Coventry, rising from 1 7 per cent market share to 9.2 per cent and Renault almost doubling from 3 to 5.5

TV to make drama of bank crash

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A FICTIONALISED account of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International will be broadcast early next year on

Tariq Ali, the writer and broadcaster whom BCCI tried to bribe with £2 million to prevent a 1989 Bandung File programme on Channel 4 exposing the bank's moneylaundering operations, has been commissioned by Central Television to write the script for a "pyschological thriller".

His account of one of the biggest bank frauds will tell the story of BCCI's founder, Agha Hasan Abedi, who rose from being a humble bank teller in Pakistan to claim world leaders among his friends. "I want to explore the background of the man in the middle of what must be the biggest swindle of the century - and to lock at how he got

The plot will centre on a local government councillor who wakes up one morning to find that the £20 million of council money he has deposit-ed with BCCI has been lost. "His life collapses around him as he realises he's been had. With the help of a leading financial journalist, he goes on to track down Abedi and years of fraud and corruption leading to the bank's collapse are unravelled."

Sex abuse enquiry ends, £6m later

Evidence has been heard and names have been ruined, but the truth is unlikely to emerge, Kerry Gill writes

EVIDENCE to the judicial enquiry into the seizure of nine Orkney children, alleged to have been subjected to sexual abuse on the island of South Ronaldsay, ended yesterday, almost seven months after it began. It has cost taxpayers more than £6 million, most-

ly in legal fees.
Paul Lee, the islands' di-rector of social work who ordered the seizures last February, concluded with a promise that he and his department would do all they could to rebuild bridges and help the "healing pro-cess" with the community. Mr Lee also disclosed that the Orkney presbytery of the Church of Scotland and the Society of Friends had approached the department offering to help to bring both sides together.

The enquiry's remit was to investigate the behav-iour of the department, the actions of the children's panel reporter, the involve ment of the police and the effect of media publicity. Lord Clyde, the Scottish judge who chaired the hearing will issue his findings and recommendations to parliament in the autumn

From the start, he made clear that the remit did not allow him to enquire into whether the allegations made by three children, aged seven, eight and nine. and already in care, had

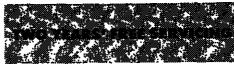
any foundation. Among those likely to feel most ag-grieved by this is the Rev Morris McKenzie, the Church of Scotland minister on South Ronaldsay, who spent almost the entire enquiry, which began at the end of August, sitting in Kirkwall town hall listening to his name being ruined. Mr McKenzie, aged 65, could not take the stand and refute the allegations because of the terms of the

The parents, who still re-tain the full support of their island community, have been able to give evidence only on what happened when the children were taken and returned, and on their dealings with the au-thorities. Another injured party was the mother of the three children who made the allegations. Her family's recent history has cropped up in evidence almost constantly but, when she attempted to introduce her lawyer into the proceedings, her plea was rejected.

Many of the parents were visibly distressed by some of the claims and they may regret that they ever demanded an enquiry. It was inevitable that social work staff, and officials of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, would run through the whole litany of allegations in public.

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Pope prepares new guidelines on **Catholic morality**

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Pope is preparing to publish a 500-page document outlining the teaching of the Roman Catholic church in a modern context. The new Universal Catechism will mark the first time in more than 400 years that the church has brought to-gether the whole of Catholic teaching in one volume.

The catechism is expected to include guidance on issues such as abortion, contraception, bio-ethics, international debt, tax avoidance, and unemployment. The Pope is putting the final touches to the document, which could be published before the end of

The Right Rev Vincent Nichols, a newly ordained auxiliary bishop, disclosed the Vatican plans after returning from a visit to Rome to meet the Pope for the first time. Bishop Nichols is responsible for 47 parishes in north London, the backbone of the Westminster diocese with a Catholic population of

The catechism has taken seven years to prepare. The last document of its kind was the Roman Catechism commissioned by the Council of Trent in 1566 as a source book for the use of parish

Bishop Nichols said the document would dwell on the Commandments and the teachings of Christ in the light of advances since the

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Council of Trent. It was a synthesis of Catholic teaching from the perspectives of the second Vatican Council (1962-5), and would apply that to contemporary issues. "It will give new confidence, especially in the area of teach-

ing and communication."
Thirteen bishops from the Westminster, Southwark and Birmingham dioceses took part in the Ad Limina visit to Rome, to discuss interfaith relations and public life in England with the Pope, and to renew their spiritual links with the Holy See.

The Pope questioned the bishops and Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of West-minster, on relations with the Muslim community and the new Europe. He voiced concerns about the issues of immigration in Europe and Europe, and about teaching Christianity in a society that is culturally resistant to spiritual ideas.

The Pope said that he was looking forward greatly to meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, in May for the first time. To their surprise, he also found time to question the bishops on the English

football league. According to Bishop Nichols, the Pope believes that the Vatican response to the final report of the first Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission was a

step forward in talks between the two churches. That counters the common perception that the Vatican response

was deliberately negative.

Ad Limina visits began in the 13th century, introduced by Pope Innocent III. The full title is Ad Limina Apostolorum, which means "to the threshold of the apostles".

Bishop Nichols, aged 46, was born in Liverpool and spent three years working in Toxteth parishes. He is one of four auxiliary bishops in the Westminster diocese. The visit to Rome had been a "journey of renewal" for the

bishops.
"We go to touch base, to pray at the tombs of St Peter and St Paul, to meet and pray with the successor of St Peter," he said. "It is one of the main things the Pope does to strengthen his bishops. In the two days there, we met the Pope four times. Eight of us had hunch with him in the Apostolic Palace and the next morning we celebrated mass.

"What impressed me most was that this was clearly of importance to the Pope, not a routine he had to fulfil. His chapel came across as a focal point of suffering of people throughout the world. There was a complete absence of anything triumphalistic. It is the one place in the world where the suffering of people is not forgotten or pushed aside."



Journey of renewal: the Right Rev Vincent Nichols after visiting the Pope

suspends

doctor

Enquiry

By Lin Jenkins

A DOCTOR who called police to remove a paralysed patient from a hospital casualty department after diagnosing him as merely drunk was yesterday banned from practising for three months.

The patient, Gordon McCann, aged 44, was taken to Glasgow royal infirmary sleeping rough. The General Medical Council's professional conduct committee hearing in London was told that Richard Makower, a regis-trar, was at the end of a stressful 14-hour shift.

Two policemen later dumped the patient on a grass verge ten miles from the hospital. He was not operated on until a passer-by raised the alarm, but by then it was too late to do anything about his injury. Mr McCann is now paralysed from the neck down and lives with his sister

in Glasgow. Dr Makower, a father of three of Canterbury, Kent, who has since been appointed senior registrar at the Kent and Canterbury hospital accident and emergency department, was found guilty of professional misconduct. He had denied the charge. James Bednoch, QC, for Dr Makower, said: "This was an isolated incident in an other-

wise exemplary career." Howard Bademan, an accident and emergency consultant, said no doctor should have to work more than eight hours in a casualty department. "He is an able doctor having made one catastrophic mistake in his life. Although his error of judgment occurred at the end of a long stressful shift this did not excuse him."

Slump and war hit hotel trade

Last year was the worst for English hotels since 1982, a survey published today says. It blames a combination of the Gulf war and recession.

The survey, by Horwath Consulting and sponsored by the English Tourist Board, says that average room occupancy fell six points from the 1990 level, to 51 per cent. Bed occupancy fell five points to 41 per cent. London was Worst hit, with room occur

cy falling to 13 per cent. Geoff Parkinson, director of Horwath, said that early returns for 1992 showed occupancy was rising, but it would take years to return to 1988 levels, when room occu-

pancy was 60 per cent. Art stolen

Seven artworks were stolen from Hatchlands, a National Trust house near Guildford, Surrey. Police arrived within eight minutes of an alarm being set off, but the thieves had gone.

JP for trial

Mary MacPherson, a magis-trate aged 51 of Seahouses, Northumberland, was bailed by Alnwick magistrates after electing trial by jury on a charge of stealing E20.

High hopes

Mick Terrans, aged 81, chairman of Durham county council, made a 10,000ft parachute jump at Catterick Camp, North Yorkshire, to raise funds for Alzheimer's

Constable dies PC' Colin Cavell, aged 29 stationed at Fleet, Hampshire, died when his patrol car hit a tree at Dogmersfield.

Charity urges ban on syringe cocktails

By DAVID YOUNG

THE health department has been asked to halt the sale of cocktails served in large plastic syringes that are said to encourage alcohol abuse among teenagers.

The cocktails; which are sold under the brand name Cocktail Rockets, have an alcohol content of 24 per cent and have names such as Full Thrust, Fuel Injection, Crash Landing and Destination Venus. Some young people are drinking them by squirting the contents into their

Alcohol Concern has complained to the makers and to the health department. The charity, which was set up to combat alcohol abuse, says that the packaging is aimed

Tony Humphries of Alco-hol Concern said: "The fact that they are packaged in syringes links them to the excitement of taking drugs and puts them into the realms of the quick fix. They are clearly designed to encourage out-of-control drinking, simply to get drunk, and the way they are presented is clearly designed to appeal to very young people."

The cocktails are sold for £2.50 each in bars and discos. The manufacturer, Headlevel, last year marketed Jelloshots, a measure of vod-ka in a fruit-flavoured jelly. Recently some bars and dis-cos have been selling readymixed cocktails in plastic test tubes under the Testi-Cool brand name.

Modernised homes ruin historic towns

Unsightly but legal alterations to old properties have led to calls for tighter planning controls, John Young reports

THE character of England's historic towns is being insidiously destroyed by unsightly alterations and additions to buildings. a report published yester-

day says.

The English Historic
Towns Forum, which produced the report, said that the style and character of places such as York, Canterbory, Bath and Lincoln were disappearing fast. The future prosperity of towns such as Scarborough and St Albans depended largely on their appearance but some of the most picturesque

streets were not protected.
Such areas often contain
a core of listed buildings,
well protected by legislation, but their overall character often depends upon surrounding streets of un-listed buildings that are not adequately protected. Some of the most damag-

ing alterations involve reement aluminium or plastic windows and doors, the report says. "The visual effect of a mock Georgian plastic door or an 'off the shelf hardwood door on a victorian building, or a 'tilt and turn' window in a ter-race of sliding sash win-dows and the addition of shutters, is, quite simply, catastrophic."
Natural slates, tradition-

al clay tiles or stone roofs can be replaced, without permission, by coloured, corrugated concrete tiles. These changes create a haphazard effect.
Painting the outside of a

brick house, usually irre-versible, is one of the cheapest but most damag-ing "improvements" that can be made quite legally; careful cleaning and repointing is more cost-eff-ective and sympathetic. Loss of front gardens to a

sea of concrete and parked cars has a significant effect on the appearance of many streets. That is aggravated by the removal of walls or railings, and their teplacement with posts, chains or

fancy concrete blocks. Shonfronts in historic towns are fast losing their

character, and councils are powerless to prevent it. Signs that can be erected on an unlisted shop without consent include glossy plastic fascias and bulky projecting signs.
Pavements consisting of the stor

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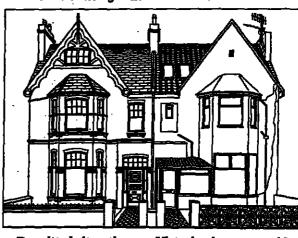
expensive natural flagstones are being destroyed by the gas, telephone, water and electricity companies. Highway authorities often rip out cast-iron street lamps and stone kerbs. Telephone boxes, overhead wires, bus sheiters, litter bins, seats and traffic signs clutter many historic streets, but are usually beyoud the control of the planning authority.

"Council officers feel that they are involved in an unremitting, uphill struggle against muddled legislation, illegal development and residents misled by builders and salesmen ig-norant of traditional building practices," the report

It recommends tighter regulations which would extend planning controls in conservation areas to the removal and replacement of external doors, windows and shutters: the building of walls, railings and fences; rooflights and the replacement of roofs in a different material or colour, the erection of porches or extensions, and the provision of driveways or parking spaces abutting a highway; the painting of unpainted exterior walls; all forms of cladding and render, including pebble-dash; and the demolition of architectural features in-cluding chimney pots, mouldings, porches, railings and garden walls.

There should also be stricter controls on shop fronts and street advertising, and on the installation of public callboxes, overhead wires, bus shelters, street lights and traffic signs.

Townscape in Trouble. EHTF. The Huntingdon Centre, The Vineyards, The Paragon, Bath BAI 5NA; E5



Permitted alterations on Victorian houses would include porch, pebbledash and blocked windows



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Home eviction orders begin to fall

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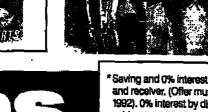
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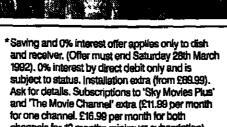
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Labour's hospital film

The story of what really happened to Jennifer Bennett

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

EARLY in 1990, Jennifer Bennett, then aged three, endured sore throats, earaches and fevers. "She had chronic tonsillitis and adenoid problems which gave her a lot of ear infections," her mother Margaret said at her home in Faversham, Kent

Some months later, she took Jennifer to see their GP, Marek Cynarski, at Faversham health centre. He referred her on July 31, 1990, to Alan Ardouin's ear, nose and throat clinic at the Kent and Canterbury hospital, suggesting that her tonsils and adenoids might need removing. The family were seen in out-patients in September and kept "under review" until Jennifer was placed on the waiting list on March 21 1991. They had been led to expect a wait of six months but appear not to have done anything further until Janu-

ary this year.
"Alarm bells started ringing when a friend's daughter, who was diagnosed after Jennifer, got her operation first," Mrs Bennett said. "I then contacted Roger Moate, the

> It was powerful because it was true and because it is related to the experience of many families in

> Britain 🤊 - Neil Kinnock on Labour's party elec-Toesday night

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We are telling the big truth ? - Neil Kinnock on the state of the NHS and Labour's party election broadcast

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What this sleazy, contemptible broadcast does is raise serious ques-tions about Neil Kinnock's fitness for public office 🤊 — Chris Patten on

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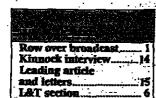
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6 Nobody should doubt our commitment to the health service in the past, present or future ?

— John Major

• He isn't a bad fellow ? — Neil Kinnock on

John Major.



Mr Moate wrote at the end of January to the chairman of the health authority. This was followed two weeks later by a letter from Jennifer's grandfather, vice-president of Faversham Conservative par-ty. The health authority did not "sort the case out" but replied that Jennifer's case had been classified as routine and she could expect a wait of 12 to 18 months.

John Bennett, Jennifer's father, who has a practice as a hypnotherapist, said that, by this time, Jennifer's health was deteriorating. "We had to take antibiotics on holiday with us. We were going back to the doctors every six weeks. She could not concentrate at school. It was clear her hearing was in great danger." He said that teachers at Jenni-fer's school, the Ethelbert Road Infants School, had warned that she was not hearing property.

Mr Bennett wrote on Febmary 2 to the surgeon, Mr Ardouin, protesting about the delay. Before he received a reply, he also wrote, on February 14, to Robin Cook, asking "what a Labour government would do to alleviate this problem" and suggesting he "challenge [the Conservative government] on this matter at

on February 17, Mr Ardouin replied. He appeared to assume that Jenusfer's case was routine. Agreeing that it is "unacceptable for children to wait as long as Jennifer has had to wait", he blamed a shortage

"There is insufficient funding to allow us to have nursing cover on Sunday nights when we would normally admit four patients, and on Friday nights, which prevents us doing anything on Fridays which requires an overnight stay," he wrote. "As a result the waiting list for overnight stay patients has climbed enormousty."

Some time later, Mr Ard-ouin realised that Jennifer's case was urgent — but how is not clear. Interviewed on

BBC radio's Today programme yesterday morning, he said: "Having been told it was one of my patients, I naturally went to see what the situation was and, looking up my notes, I saw that she had in fact waited 11 months and had been put on the wrong priority. She should have been a priority case ... we spotted she was down as a routine and not priority and, when we spotted that, we

At a press conference at the hospital yesterday evening, Mr Ardouin repeated this account. He said that Jennifer should have been classified as 'soon', which would nor-mally have meant a wait of between 38 and 40 weeks. The reason for this error is not clear but it has caused me to check all my waiting lists to ensure there are no similar problems."

It is common practice for

admitted her within three

EMT clinics to have two operating lists, one for routine tonsillectomies and another priority list for children with glue ear. The error in allocating Jennifer's case had not been noticed because the hospital had recently switched from a manual system of colour coded cards to a computer system which produced a black and white print-out. Jennifer was admitted on

March 4 and had an operation on March 5 to remove her tonsils and adenoids, drain the fluid from her ears and insert a grommet. A hos-pital spokesman said sugges-tions that a "clerical error" was responsible for the delay were being investigated.

Mr Ardouin said last night that additional operating sessions had been funded since the beginning of the year, which had led to a big cut in the waiting list. Earlier he told Today that no child now waited more than 19 weeks.

that we do not have sufficient funds to do everything we need to do. Most consultant will tell you that. But in the last four years there has been a progressive improvement. It is not a question of how much money you put at the problem but whether you use that money efficiently.

He said that Jennifer's case was unrepresentative of the situation at the hospital and

Broadcast dispute, page







Television drama: scenes from Labour's broadcast, in which an actress portrayed Jennifer Bennett, who had to wait for an ear operation

Backlash over NHS puts Kinnock on the defensive

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock was forced on to the defensive for the first time yesterday during the. election campaign as he was constantly asked to justify his party's emotive election broadcast on Tuesday night. While Mr Kinnock tried to woo the skilled working class in Essex and Hertfordshire

he was plagued by reporters, and later children, on the broadcast that put health on top of the election agenda. Labour aides were unsure whether to smile or snari as their leader was pressed about comments allegedly made by the parents of the child whose long wait for an ear operation was used as the basis for the broadcast.

Experience has proved that when health is given a high profile, support for Labour ncreases. However, as further details emerged about Jennifer Bennett and her mother's complaints about the publicity there was concern that Labour might have shot itself in the foot. Mr Kinnock's silver wed-

ding anniversary looked doorned from the moment his press conference with Robin

Cook broke up in the morning. Amid a press scrum he was asked why he was using "the big lie technique" in his campaign. "We are not using the big lie technique, we are telling the truth. That's what

hurts people like you but does not hurt me," he countered. Climbing out of a helicopter in Harlow an hour later he was besieged again by reporters claiming that the broadcast was not based on a true case. "Don't be silly." snapped Mr Kinnock, irritated by the questioning. "You know very well it's a genuine case. The family has been consulted at all stages."

By noon the broadcasters were anxious to get Mr Kinnock's comments on the broadcast for their hunchtime bulletins. At a process engineering company at Steven-age he again insisted that the case in the film was a real incident based on a letter sent from the girl's father. Mr Kinnock tried to return to his agenda — the economy, the recession and investing in health and education, but to no avail. Questioned on comConservative chairman, he accused the Tories of becoming hysterical because they were aware of the success of

Labour's appeal.

Mr Kinnock seemed increasingly rattled but the local Labour candidate, Judith Church, stepped in just in time, announcing that she had also suffered the same experience as Mrs Bennett. Two of her children had needed minor surgery, and on both occasions she had been asked by her doctor whether she was covered by ments by Chris Patten, the private health insurance.

Clash of the soft-centred poppets of Battersea

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the nicest of us all? At dawn yesterday, in two South London bathrooms, two perfectly charming mid-dle-aged gentlemen stared into their

shaving mirrors.

Butter would not have melted in their mouths. One of them was John Bowis, Tory parliamentary candidate for Battersea and previously their MP. Mr Bowis would not harm a fly. The other was Alf Dubs, his Labour challenger and until 1987 the Labour MP for Battersea. Mr Dubs would not only help an old lady across the road, he'd offer her a polo mint too.

Your average cuddly toy is a brute, by comparison with Mr Dubs. Fate had decreed that these two complete sweetie-pies face each other in mortal combat, in one of London's most marginal seats. The Tory majority was 800 last time.

"Of course, Mr Bowis is a nice

chap," I said to one of Dubs's staff.
"That's our problem" she replied.
"Alf's a nice bloke..." I said to one

of Bowis's helpers.
"That's our problem." she said.
"Mind you John's the only really.
really nice candidate." said the chairman of the Battersea Tories. This was



CAMPAIGN SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

the battle of the nice guys. Picture a old folk at the Garfield Community duel between Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale. The first event Centre. Surrounded by kiddies' rocking horses and plastic dogs on wheels, he sat in front of a poster entitled "Five Speckled Little Frogs". of the day was the arrival of Neil Kinnock. At a press conference on health, the Labour leader had been "Alf", said a wrinkled old lady. "I've bullied mercilessly by the press, but heard that under the Tories pensionstepped now into a new world. A little boy rushed up, threw his arms around Mr Kinnock and exclaimed: "I love you." Such is the Battersea ers will be thrown out of nursing "Oh, no Lily", said the honourable Dubs. "I don't think that's the case."

spell woven by Bowis and Dubs. I followed Bowis into a rough coun-Tare-worn and kind, Mr Dubs recil estate. "Enemy territory", I re-marked. "Ah", came his mild rebuke, sembles one of those exotic dogs you see at Crufts whose faces are "we'd never make it without the many friends we have here." Mr Bowis resembles a favourite teddybear. Large, kindly and bland-featured, one feels quite certain that completely crumpled due to an ex-cess of skin. "You and I will have to have a little chat about this, Lily."

"Mr Bowis, there's a lady who's disabled at No 31," advised an earnest Tory helper. Bowis lumbered over. Actually the lady at No 31 was if one lifted him up by his feet or pressed his stomach gently he would emit a friendly growl.

I followed Dubs to a meeting with not disabled, but her father-in-law had diabetes and angina. "Anything I

can do to help?" asked Bowis. The lady at No 40 had the husband who was blind. Mr Bowis fondled the guide dog: "Let me know if I can help." At No 22 the man was on crutches. "Does the weather affect you much?" The chap with the neck support at No 29 might not be voting for Bowis. "Never mind, I'm here to

help you anyway."

At No 26. "my dad's very ill with pancreitis, diabetes and agoraphobia: my daughter's asthmatic, I'm seeing the social worker but my GP says I'm to be rehoused due to my own mental health and my mother says she can't stand no more of it. And my daughter can't settle at her school." Mr Bowis stared sympathet-

ically at his shoes.
"Let me see if I can have another go for you with the council." "You know me. here", said Alf

Dubs to the ring of old ladies around him. "All I want to do is go on helping

"Bye, bye, Alf", they called as he

Bye, bye. Bye bye, Lily." Whoever wins this constituency on April 9, by April 10. Battersea will have an absolute poppet of an MP.

Portrait of the artist as master propagandist

BY GEOFF BROWN

THE story of two girls with the same problem. One with plaits, anorak, attendant teddy, and a face as pale as milk: the other with glasses and what looks like a posh school uniform. Both clutch their ears in pain, but Milkface must suffer the longest. She tugs impatiently at the calendar, the hospital computer lists her operation for Decem-

ber, nine months away. A bluesy soundtrack, a gliding camera and seamless editing escort the story to a split-screen finale. At the top lies the girl whose parents could afford private treatment, tucked up in bed, already cured; at the bottom, the wriggling, discomfited mite, snookered by the NHS

waiting list.
To William Waldegrave's eyes, this four-minute drama was "wicked and ruthless," and used techniques "that would not have been out of place in pre-war Germany". To the Times film critic, however, the Labour party's broadcast appears a triumphant masterpiece of advertising technique, every image selected and honed. With one leap Mike Newell, its director, has joined Hugh Hudson, the man at the helm of 1987's "Kinnock: The Movie", as a major artist in the specialised field of party politicals.

This is the kind of thunderbolt film that sends critics scurrying through Newell's past, seeking out signs of

things to come. Dance With a Stranger (1985), the Channel 4 film that made his reputation, resurrected Ruth Ellis. the last woman hanged in England, and painted a chilling portrait of Churchill's Britain in the mid 1950s: claustrophobic and classbound, despair and vio-lence lying close to the

surface.
Thatcher's London in The Good Father (1986), a tale of fathers fighting for child custody, looked equally unlovely. Race riots simmered: rubbish lay uncollected in the streets. But Newell is hardly a polit-

ical firebrand. From his earliest days at Granada Television in the 60s, his work has always relied on strong scripts from other hands. In the past, he has put pictures to words by Ian McEwan. Christopher Hampton, John Osborne and Shelagh Delaney. This time his writers were Robin Cook and Labour's media men, tance of John Bennett, the concerned father who drew Labour's attention to his own daughter's prolonged wait for ear surgery.

Newell's cleverest stroke was to remove all dialogue until the story was told and Neil Kinnock, perfectly poised in a pale blue arm-chair, weighed in with some quiet, firm words. Freed of facts and figures, the images worked their own spell, steal-

The making of the party broadcast

By LIN JENKINS

JOHN Bennett's letter to the shadow health secretary expressing his anger at his daughter's wait for a routine operation prompted a re-sponse he had not expected.

Not only did his views win Robin Cook's sympathy they sparked an idea in Labour's promotions team to adapt his story for a hardhitting broadcast. A copy of the letter was passed to a team of researchers to look into the problems of children suffering from glue ear.
The National Deaf Chil-

drens' Society provided statistics showing that one in ten children suffer the condition and face an average wait of six months for NHS surgery. A Labour party spokesman said: "The letter prompted the portrayal. Mr Bennett's daughter went on the waiting list on March 21 1991 and had the operation in the first week of March the following year. We used a typical case of someone with the condition and on the waiting list nine months compared to someone able to have the operation quickly by going private."
Mike Newell, who made

Dance with a Stranger, about Ruth Ellis, the last women to

be hanged, in Britian, was chosen to direct, and the brief was passed to The Producers, a film production company based in London, Included was Mr Bennett's letter and one from Alan Ardouin, a consultant at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, in which he replies to the father's complaint about his daughter's wait and claims the hospital faces problems with the small size of the unit and insufficient funding for nursing cover on Friday and Sunday nights and blamed an administrative error for

the particular delay. Throughout the production the team kept in contact with Mr Bennett. He went to a recording studio to read his letter for a voice-over in the film, but the producers decided it was not needed. He said it was made clear that the child in the film was not supposed to be his daughter, but represent "a group of children from all over Britian who are having to wait

months for their operations". The Labour party spokes-man said: "We have already had loads of calls from doctors, nurses and parents who say they have experienced the problem and support the



SHOWING THIS WEEKEND

Stroke of good luck for Conservatives in a no-win campaign on health



Jackson: grasp of NHS plans sometimes shaky

For the first time in the cam-paign, the Tories had a stroke of luck yesterday — on health, the issue where they are most vulnera-ble. It enabled them to question Labour's trustworthiness, even though it may make little difference to the public's view of the two parties' ability to run the health

service itself. But so reluctant have the Tories been to discuss health that it took ministers several hours to mount a co-ordinated attack on Labour over Tuesday's election broadcast showing a girl suffering pain for several months because she had to wait for an NHS operation. The doctor involved and the mother of the girl whose case was used in the broadcast said Labour's version was a distortion, although the

truth is not clear. Even though doubts over the broadcast appeared in the morning papers, Tory leaders did not mention the matter at yesterday morning's press conference until it

RIDDELLON THE ELECTION

was raised by reporters. Later, they launched their most energetic attack of the campaign against Labour.

The affair may temporarily check Labour's momentum since party leaders have been forced on the defensive. The television images may be less favourable than they have been. The Tories are naturally delighted with the chance to challenge Labour's judgment and turn the spotlight away from health as such.

Nevertheless, on the basic question, the Tories remain vulnerable. According to the latest Mori poll for The Times, not only is health care the most important policy issue affecting which way people will vote, but Labour is, by a large margin, also regarded as having the best policies. To some extent that has always been true. Health is pre-eminently a Labour issue. But not only has health become a relatively greater influence on voting intentions, but Labour's lead is also larger than at the last two general elections.

The changes in the structure of the health service have provided plenty of ammunition for Labour candidates. When I visited Dulwich earlier this week, Tessa Jowell, the Labour candidate, quoted a local doctor as saying the campaign would be decided in the campaign would be declared in the casualty department of King's College Hospital. Because of reductions in the number of beds, some patients have had to wait on trolleys for several hours, according to the lead story in the local paper. There are plenty of similar stories of cuts and disruptions as hospitals switch to trust status and GPs become fund holders.

On Tuesday night, I went to a meeting of 400 people at William

Ellis school in Parliament Hill Fields, north London, attended by the three main candidates for Hampstead and Highgare. It was an occasion where if you shouled "is there a doctor in the house?" you might have been trampled to death; among the questioners were two Labour peers (a former secretary of state and a local GP) plus two professors at medical schools. Many of the audience worked in the health service and

presented by the fluent Oliver Labour's Glenda Jackson, whose grasp on the details was at times shaky, finds it easier to win support for a more populist appeal to the values underpinning the NHS. Revealingly, the loudest ap-plause of the evening went to one of the professors who blamed cuts at a local hospital on the consequences of a market forces system.
It is a difficult, if not impossible,

were sceptical of, and hostile to,

the recent changes, even when

argument for the Tories to win, however often ministers point to the increase in numbers of doctors and nurses, increases in numbers of patients treated and a faster growth in spending in real terms than Neil Kinnock himself prom-

The Tories are also planning to i spend much more in the future. But it is never enough. Arguments over underfunding are inevitably elastic since it is hard to define what is the right level of funding. Although in one sense it is true that there is a "bottomless pit", that is also misleading since there are definable areas where more money is needed.

Labour's package yesterday was skiifully constructed and presented to deal with several of the most immediate complaints - provid-ing money for more ambulances, to deal with excessive hours worked by junior hospital doctors and for more intensive-care beds.

lion allocated by Labour for the next two years does not take account of the cost of the introduction of a national minimum wage. the introduction of no-fault compensation and the abolition of compulsory competitive tender-ing. They have also raised questions about where a Labour government would find the money to meet its longer-term pledge to

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reverse underfunding.
In practice, while there are real differences between Tories and Labour over independent trusts and GP fund holding, the gap over rates of growth of spending is much smaller. Both parties are committed to raising health spending in real terms. But the Tories are never likely to be given the credit for what it has done when Labour is promising more. That is why the Tories are keen to talk about almost anything else.

Peter Riddell

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Labour pledges

7,000 more nurses will be recruited

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR promised yesterday to recruit an extra 7,000 nurses, restore free eye tests for everyone over 40 and cut junior doctors' hours. It was outlining how it would spend much of the extra £1 billion allocated to health by John Smith in his shadow budget.

The party promised to in-crease by 50 per cent, or £20 million, the money allocated by the government next year to cutting waiting lists and about £135 million for repairing and cleaning hospitals.

As the storm over Labour's emotional election broadcast continued. Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, set out specific spending pledges totalling more than £600 million over the next 22 months.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, accused Mr Cook of scattering spending pledges like confetti. Labour's tax package would nowhere near fund all their spending pledges. "They must come clean at last and tell us what the extra taxes would be or which pledges would be for the chop.

Labour's health budget ☐ Recruitment of an addi- reference to Labour's prom-

tional 7,000 nurses (£136m). □ Better childcare facilities for NHS staff (£10m).

☐ More intensive-care beds with trained staff (£25m). ☐ More consultants and support staff to reduce pressure on junior doctors and cut their hours (£35m). ☐ A family doctor fund to

develop and modernise the GP service (E56m).

An additional £20m to expand the government's £39m allocation for cutting waiting

☐ Repairing shabby hospitals and providing modern reception areas (£100m). ☐ Introduction of tough new standards of hospital cleanliness (£35m).

☐ Purchase of 500 new ambulances (£25m) ☐ Housing and care initiative for people with mental illness (£50m). ☐ Immediate right to a free

with legislation later to extend it to whole population. The measures total just over £600 million, leaving what Mr Cook called a "margin for contingency expenditure". There was was no specific ised incentive fund for eff-

icient hospitals. Labour sources said some of the money allocated for waiting list cuts would go towards incentives in the initial stages. Once performance agreements were signed, it was likely that some of the money left over would be used

for incentive payments.

Mr Cook said the budget "honours our pledge that in year one underfunding can be attacked from the start and continued year on year. This is a flying start towards our goal of a modern NHS with the resources it needs."

Asking whether Labour would prevent the kind of situation its broadcast had shown, Mr Cook said: "I cannot give you a commitment that from April 10 nobody will be waiting for an opera-tion. We will inherit the legacy of the Tory government." He added: "What we will

eye test for all over 40 (£95m) not tolerate is a situation where patients who do not want to go private and who want to be treated in the NHS feel they are forced to go private because that is the only way they can get the



What the doctor ordered: Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, taking the train from Euston to Wolverhampton yesterday after setting out the party's immediate spending plans for the health service

POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe

Sound and fury that signify little at the ballot box

THE Labour party has done a "Benetton". By making an election broadcast of questionable taste they have made it an election issue and attracted extra media attention. Yesterday's campaigning agenda was dominated by the health service - Labour's

strongest card.
This is not the first time Labour has grabbed atten-tion for one of its party election broadcasts. The first one that it screened in the 1987 campaign, put together by the film director Hugh Hud-son, focused on Neil and Glenys Kinnock, skilfully linked his rise from workingclass boy to party leader with Labour's claim to represent the aspirations of ordinary people. No such broadcast had ever won so many media

The Alliance's first election broadcast that year was a flop. Bathed in soft focus, Rosie Barnes sar in a field with her small daughter and pet burny, talking for ten minutes about parents worries. The media were derisive. Some commentators believed Labour had pushed the Alliance into second place in the

first week of the campaign because of its vastly superior election broadcast.

"Kinnock — The Movie" did wonders for Labour morale, boosted Kinnock's own ratings considerably, and improved voters' perceptions of how effectively the Labour party was campaigning. But the electoral pay-off was negligible. Labour support averaged 34 per cent in the prebroadcast polis and 36 per cent in the post-broadcast polls; by election day it had fallen back to 32 per cent. The Alliance's support dropped from 23 per cent to 21 per cent but recovered to

23 per cent by election day.

The impact of election broadcasts is limited because, being alert to propaganda and saturated with electioneering, voters either turn them off or pay little atten-tion. According to an IBA survey in 1983 (Barrie Gunter et al., Television Coverage of the 1983 General Elec-tion) fewer than a quarter claimed to "pay attention carefully" to party election broadcasts. But such broadcasts are not without influence. They can shift the

Among those deciding how to tote during the 1987 campaign, more than 40 per cent claimed to have been influenced by a party election

broadcast.

The effectiveness of such broadcasts can be judged by the difference between the proportion of converts to and defectors from the party in question. By this measure it is the centre that traditionally benefits most from election broadcasts. The boost in coverage to the small centre party seems to outweigh the constraint of low budgets. In 1987 converts out-weighed defectors by 11 per cent for Conservative broadcasts; 16 per cent for Labour broadcasts; and 63 per cent for Alliance broadcasts. The net effect was a boost of 0.4 per cent to the Conservative vote. 0.6 per cent to the Labour vote and 2.8 per cent to the Alliance vote. Over the years, the Conservatives have proba-bly done more for Saatchi & Saatchi than the agency has done for the Conservatives. Ivor Crewe is professor of government at Essex University.

By NICHOLAS WOOD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT THE prime minister at-tacked the Labour party yesterday over its use of emotive

tactics in the election battle over health.
John Major signalled his distaste for Labour's approach after the screening of a party political broadcast alleging that children in pain were being denied treatment because their parents could not afford to pay.

"It tells us more about the Labour party than it does about the health service," Mr Major said in defending the Conservatives' commitment to the health service since its inception in 1948. He claimed that Labour's pledge of £1 billion extra would not

help a single patient. Speaking in Edinburgh, the prime minister said that spending on the health service had increased by a "staggering" 50 per cent in real terms since 1979. "We have built it up since the midthan Labour has ever done. Last-year, we increased health resources over and above inflation by 5 per cent. That is what we have put

ared, says Salm

aside in our public expendi-ture plans for next year." Robin Cook's promise of another £1 billion would be swallowed up in higher costs, Mr Major said. "Between £400 million and £500 million of that would be lost in extra costs on the minimum wage — not my figure, Robin Cook's figure — and because of the abolition of compulsory competitive tendering. Further money would be lost because they proposed to re-move charges bringing re-sources into the health

service.
There would be no extra funding for treating patients out of the Labour party's El billion. There will be no extra money to treat one extra patient. What there is is party dogma taking resources away from the health

Mr Major also defended the morality of private medi-cal care and praised close collaboration between the public and private sectors in health. "We are a free and open society. Do you want a restrictionist society where you are told as an individual that you cannot spend your money on your way outside the health service in the interests of your family? Is that the sort of society the Labour party wants? What other parts of our society would

they deny choice.

Our job as government is to build up the health service. That we have done in spec-tacular fashion. That we have done in a fashion no previous government ever contem-



By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH authorities have in the past 11 months successfully reduced their longest waiting lists, but at the expense of an increase in patients waiting for shorter periods, according to figures released by the health depart-

In February, hospitals treated more than 9,288 patients who had been waiting more than two years, almost halving their two-year lists in line with the government's objective of clearing them by April 1. But, in the same month. 9,092 people joined those who had been waiting for treatment for less than a

Overall, the total number vaiting, at 925,663, fell by cent down since March

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Major puts moral case for unity

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Major

As he began a day of campaigning in the country, Mr Major presented himself as the only party leader working for the good of the United Kingdom as a whole.

In his most candid assessment of the deep political questions underlying the de-volution debate, Mr Major said that if he were motivated by narrow party political cal-culation he would favour sep-aration. Severing all links between England and Scotland would disqualify Scottish MPs from Westminster and put the Conservatives in an urassailable position in the rest of the UK.

However, far bigger mat-ters were at stake than his party's chances of retaining their grip on power, he said. The union between the two countries had served them

well for nearly 300 years and a break-up would diminish every part of the kingdom.

With the latest opinion poll in Scitland showing the Tories making a slight advance but still languishing in third place behind the Scottish nationaless and Labour Mr. tionalists and Labour, Mr Major said he wanted to see the debate about the future of Scotland carry on beyond the election. The ICM poll for The Scotsman yesterday also showed that two in three Scots wanted constitutional change, a modest drop on previous figures, suggesting that Mr Major's message is

beginning to hit home.
The prime minister said he believed that, although the Scots understood the prize of independence, they did not yet appreciate the price not just it higher taxes but also in a weakening of Scotland's in-

JOHN Major pitched yesterness is fighting a divisive campaign. They have policies ground in Scotland as he that will divide our UK. I want to keep the UK united, he told a press conference in Edinburgh. The Conservative party is the party of unity, and that is becoming clearer day by day. The separatist agenda has been laid before us. It is a mean and mixture. us. It is a mean and narrow vision. The socialism of the SNP would leave Scotland diminished and impover-ished. And after nearly 300 years it would tear the UK

> "Labour peddles another option: halfway house separatism. A tax-raising partiament which would push up barriers, make Scotland the highest-taxed part of the UK and set it rolling towards complete separation. That would leave Scotland, Eng-land, Wales and Northern Ireland the poorer - all of

But Mr Major's strongest words came as he insisted that he alone among the party leaders was motivated by higher considerations than self-interest. "There are 72" sears in Scotland. I am the leader of the Conservative party and we have nine sears if I was concerned solely about electoral self-advantage I would say: 'Go and have separation, come out of the Westminster parliament. "The effect of that is that

the Conservative party would be undefeatable in the rest of the UK. Everybody in this room knows that to be the case. So let them ask them-selves this question. Why is it that the prime minister who at this moment only has nine. seats out of 72 is the only party leader fighting to main-tain Scotland wholly within the union?

"Why is it? Is that narrow party interest? Or is that the terest of the future of Scotland and the future of the



THE Scottish nationalists tried to turn John Major's attack on the party to their advantage yesterday by claiming that the Tories were "scared stiff" of the SNP's strong showing in opinion polls. According to the survey, the Tories could lose three

seats to the SNP. After the prime minister accused the nationalists of wanting to tear the United Kingdom apart, Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said Mr Major realised that the SNP was about to defeat some of his few Scottish MPs. "That is why the prime minister and his predecessor have come scurrying north in a desperate bid to resist Scot-



Salmond: accused Major of scurrying north

land's move to independence. But Major and Maggie will not scare the Scots. They are two good reasons why we need independence." An ICM poll in The Scots

man yesterday indicated that the Tories' stand on Scotland's future could be their undoing. Ian Lang, Scottish secretary, risks defeat by Matt Brown, his SNP opponent in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale. Also under threat from the SNP are Bill Walker, Tayside North, and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Perth and Kinross. Phil Gallie, hoping to keep George Younger's seat at Ayr, could be thwarted

by Labour. The poll put the Tories on 22 per cent, up four points on a similar poll two weeks ago. Labour dropped one point to 41 per cent, the SNP fell one point to 27 per cent and the Liberal Democrats fell two points to 9 per cent.

The poll shows that the constitutional debate has tended to squeeze devolution with support for the status quo and independence up. The poll, conducted on Sunday and Monday, put backing for independence at 37 per cent, devolution on 34 per cent — a drop of seven points - and the status quo back up to 25 per cent.



round a central London square, de-molished all in its path yesterday including a model factory labelled Recovery — a symbolic representa-tion, the Conservatives claimed, of Britain under Labour (Arthur

Leathley writes).

The roller was plastered with L (for Labour) plates and stickers saying Tax Up and Prices Up; and in case any primary school pupil failed to

grasp the point being made outside the Tories' Smith Square offices, cabinet ministers Michael Heseltine and Michael Howard spelt out the message. "Labour's policies would flatten Britain's economic recovery," Mr Howard said. Mr Heseltine's press release read "Taxes flatten the economy."

The Conservatives were delighted with the television coverage of the stunt, the brainchild of Tory plan-

ners rather than of the party's adver-tising agency, Saatchi and Saatchi-"It was a very effective piece of media campaigning," said Steve Hilton, co-ordinating campaign pol-icy between central office and Saatchic

More independent observers halled it as the latest in a series of banal and misdirected campaign tricks which lacked the force of some of Labour's publicity efforts. Two

Tory campaign slogans have mis-fired. The poster claim: "You can't trust Labour" has been repeatedly amended to "You can trust Labour". giving the party an unexpected, free fillip. Then John Major unfortunately stood in the wrong place beneath the Tory slogan "The best team in a troubled world" enabling photogra-phers to capture a downcast-looking prime minister under the word "troubled".

Prescott pledges green aid

abour would give at least £150 million over five years to local councils for congestioneasing transport schemes. John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, said.

"These pilot schemes will make an immediate impact on congestion and reducing environmental damage. We will judge their success before spreading them," he said.

Blank replies

John Major often does not answer questions, according to York University psychologists who have studied his face-to-face television interviews. They say that over 18 months he has shown a rate of 36 per cent "non-replies" to questions. Neil Kinnock's score was 7 per cent.

Police plea

Politicians of all parties were accused of putting the interests of criminals before those of victims. Lyn Williams, deputy general secretary of the Police Federation, said in Sheffield that the criminal had lost all fear of retribution.

Burglar strikes

John Fareham, Conservative candidate at Hull East, was burgled while canvassing. A camera, video recorder and cheque books and credit card were stolen from his home.

Payne stands

Cynthia Payne, who was prosecuted over sex parties held at her home in Streatham, southwest London, said that she would be a candidate for the Conser-

Nuclear

deterrent 'will stay'

Lib Dems

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

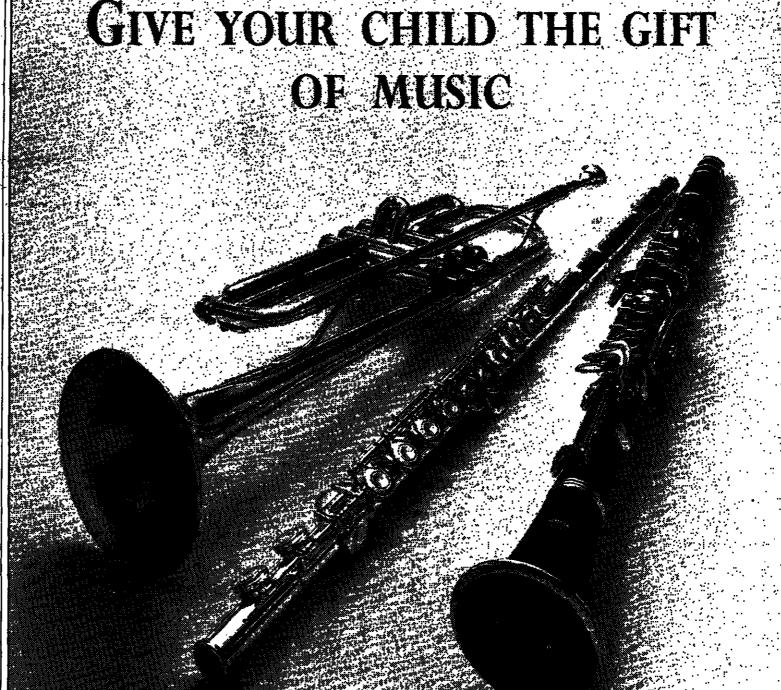
PADDY Ashdown played down the anti-nuclear stance of the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes yesterday, in-sisting that the majority of the party were committed to re-taining a minimum nuclear

is not the view of the party.' The majority of his collea-gues, he said, supported the party's policy for keeping a minimum deterrent based on the Trident missile carrying the same number of warheads as the Polatis submarine. The manifesto pledge had been approved by the party's MPs in the last Parliament, including Mr

Visiting the Isle of Wight yesterday, Mr Ashdown said that he was not prepared to leave Britain without a miclear detertent that was credible and deliverable. However, it might be possible to cut the number of warheads some time in the future.

The party also dismissed an dmission by Mr Hughes on BBC Radio 4's Election Call that he would prefer to work with a Labour than a Conservarive government as "under-standable", given the anti-Tory sentiments in his inner-London seat of Southwark and Bermondsey.

Mr Ashdown was in the Isle of Wight to support Peter Brand, the Lib Dem candidate, who hopes to take the seat from the Tories. Later, he visited another of the party's most winnable seats, Portsmouth South, where the former SDP MP, Mike Hancock, is trying to regain the seat he lost by 205 votes to the Tories in 1987.



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Labour 'will wreck pensions'

THE Conservatives yesterday opened up two new offensives against Labour's plans for a statutory minimum wage and what they claimed was a blitz against personal pension

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, attacked Labour's proposal to abolish the 2 per cent incentive for people opting out of state earnings-related pensions schemes. He accused John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, of syphoning off money due to more than 4.5 million pension holders, mostly on modest incomes, to fund spending Labour's

promises. An average earner with a personal pension would lose a £5.50 a week contriyear. Mr Newton said, "but the true impact of Labour's overall package comployers to shift production overseas. He said that Neil Kinnock was "in fairybution to his pension next

Philip Webster and Arthur Leathley report on new lines of attack by Tories

for wrecking personal pensions is far worse." The plan could wipe off

£2,300 from the retirement pension of an average carner. "Labour has engaged in a prolonged and calculated campaign of deceit and omission in an attempt to hoodwink millions of holders of personal pensions,"

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that Labour's minimum wage plan would in-crease inflation, dis-courage training and force would not add to the costs of the national health service and would increase revenues for the Treasury. Mr Kinnock maintained

at Labour's daily press conference yesterday that the National Institute for Eco-nomic and Social Research had estimated that the minimum wage would add £1.2 billion to Exchequer revenues. In the public sector, the minimum wage would be effectively self-financing and would not add to the spending obligations of the NHS.

Mc Howard said that the only basis on which increased revenues could be be predicted was on the "fairyland" assumption that the minimum wage would not destroy jobs. "You do not increase people's spending power by destroying their jobs," he

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Red Flag to a young bull — Quintin Hogg first entered battle in 1924

Still campaigning after all these years

IN THE general election of 1924 a 17-year-old Eton schoolboy spoke at an overflow meeting in support of the local Conservative candidate in Windsor.

Passions had been raised by the leak of the Zinoviev letter, linking Labour with Soviet leaders. So the apprentice politician planned what he describes as "a terrific peroration saying the choice was between the Red Flag and the Union Jack". He was the third speaker and, while waiting, he read over his shoulder the notes of the "doddery" old man due on second which concluded that the choice was between the Red Flag and the Union Jack". The young man car-iried on, saying he would like to "draw attention" to the choice "between the Red Flag and the Union Jack".

More than 67 years later, the schoolboy — Quintin Hogg, now Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone — is still campaigning actively. And, refreshingly, he does not believe that everything was better in the past. He is not sure there was a golden age of the public meeting.

Nor does he believe there has been a decline in election oratory. The candidates for whom he has spoken in this campaign made "matter of fact and sensible speeches". But he acknowledges that there has been a fall in standards of public debate; prime minister's questions and television have been "corrupting". MPs behave like "little

Hattersley pledges police aid

Labour announced a £33 million crackdown on crime yesterday, pledging an immediate increase in the number of police officers. Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, urged chief constables in England and Wales to prepare post-election bids for additional officers and said that priority would go to putting more officers on the

"Crime will continue to escalate until the government gives proper priority to crime prevention," he said.

Total tops 43 m

More than 43 million names are on the electoral roll for this election. The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys published figures that show 43.725.003 on United Kingdom registers. There are 36.435,874 in England, 2,218,551 in Wales, 3,929,112 in Scotland and 1,141,466 in Northern Ireland.

Family cash

Labour's minimum wage would tackle the scourge of poverty pay for four million workers, the transport workers union said. The proposed rate of £3.40 an hour would help 23 per cent of the nation's families, giving average rises of £17 a week, mainly to poorly paid women.

Labour odds on

Bookmakers William Hill reported support for Labour after England's cricket world cup defeat by Pakistan. The company now quotes Labour at 8-11 to win the election. easing the Conservatives from 5-6 to evens, with the Liberal Democrats at 200-1.

Peter Riddell talks to Lord Hailsham about the passion of elections after nearly 68 years on the hustings

cocksparrows, pit bull terriers, shaking their little heads and abusing one another." Gladstone, his lordship chuckles, would "not have approved". What, I wondered, would Winston Churchill have thought? Adopting a Churchillian growl, Lord Hailsham thought he would have agreed, although not in the same way since he was also aggressive.

Nowadays there is so much on television, whereas "in the old days there was only the BBC and radio" where politicians made great broadcasts, "very measured and reasonable". He says he is thinking of Baldwin. John Major has often been compared to Baldwin, although Lord Hailsham thinks Mr Major is "more piano" than Baldwin who was cosy, paternal and very reasonable.

He has more vivid memories of by-elections than of general elections when everyone speaks. He was the successful pro-Chamberlain, pro-Munich candidate in the Oxford City by-election of 1938 which, he remembers, "had the fixed attention of the whole world". He was opposed then not only by youthful socialists such as Denis Healey but also by rebel Tories such as Edward Heath. After renouncing his peerage in 1963 he faced a less dramatic, but also vigorous, by-election in St Marylebone.

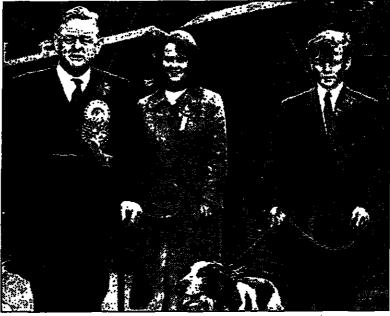
Lord Hailsham revels in campaigns. There is a memorable newsreel showing him brandishing a stick and hitting a Labour poster during the 1964 election. Five years earlier he was party chairman and recalls the day when, campaigning for Anthony Barber in Doncaster, he heard about Gaitskell's promise not to put up taxes. "The Lord hath delivered him into my hands," he rejoiced. In the present campaign he

is doing some speaking, although he has not yet gone up
to Grantham where his son,
Douglas Hogg, the Foreign
Office minister, is standing.
Lord Hailsham is trying to
strike a new note, arguing
strongly against a hung parliament and Liberal Democrat attempts to do a trade-

In his 85th year Lord Hallsham can be guaranteed to inject the zip and pep otherwise said to be lacking in the Tory campaign.







Veteran of the hustings: Lord Hailsham at home yesterday but ready to do battle; below left, with his first wife and a crowd of supportive laundry workers at Oxford in October 1938; below right, out with two of his children in St Marylebone, London, in April 1966

Teenage Tories forging ahead

A ministerial visit has inspired classroom politicians, writes Matthew d'Ancona

THINGS are looking up for the Tories at West Bridgford School, Nottingham, deep in the heart of Kenneth Clarke's constituency. A hustings appearance by the education secretary earlier in the week (strictly no press) pushed the Conservatives 13 per cent upwards in the school's polls. Ken Rudge, aged 17, the Tory candidate, could be looking at a landslide victory on April 1 when the school's 1.200 pupils go to the polls. But 33 per cent remain undecided: there is everything to play for.

play for.
West Bridgford is in the grip of election fever, pursuing its mock ballot with an enthusiasm that would put many constituency activists to shame. Each party has its own officers, membership, display materials and budgets and the walls of the school are peppered with posters reminding the electorate to "vote Labour and be a life saver" or, conversely, to "love thy neighbour—but not Labour".

One senses the knives are out, the tyro Woodwards and Mandelsons scheming away behind the scenes. Mock elections may be common soin at many schools, but this one in Nottingham is not being played for laughs.

"Conservative and Labour

"Conservative and Labour are both very close, bith in the school and in real life." Suzanne Ash, aged 11, said yesterday while she entered poll data into the school's computer as part of a mathematics lesson. "But I put the environment top of the list of issues," she added. "I am going to vote Green."

Graham Self, aged 12. agreed that the stakes were high and interest keen. "I had not thought about policies at all before this," he said "It is the main thing peope are talking about at the mcment. We spend break time making posters."

Yesterday's poll showed that education mattered most to the school's pupils, an issue that the Liberal Democrats were pushing hard in the corridors between lessons. But better paid paper boys, more computer tutors and lower bus fares were also mentioned as key objectives by the voters. Small-scale Tammany Hall politics are vying with issues of greater moment.

Party's fate rests in public school hands

By DAVID LIPSEY

THE fate of the Tory party yesterday rested once again in the hands of an old Etonian. The Rt Hon William Waldegrave, pronounced Wargrave if you please, who saw frontline action fighting off Labour's controversial political broadcast, still represents a more typical breed of Conservative than John Major,

search department.

Eton was alma mater to 43
Tory candidates, according to
an analysis published yesterday by the independent leftwing unit. They include not
only Mr Waldegrave but also
Douglas Hogg, a foreign office minister: Winston Churchill's two grandsons,
Nicholas Soames and Winston Churchill; and Tim Renton, the arts minister.

according to the Labour re-

By DAVID I. Scarcely less blue-blooded, there are ten Harrovian To-

ries and 11 Rugbeians.

Of Tory candidates, 55 per cent went to public school.

That compares with 11 per cent of Labour candidates, and, currently, 7 per cent of all children. Nor, despite Mr

the public schools lightly loosening their grip on the Conservative party. Even among first-time Tory candidates, more than four in ten went to public achool.

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Labour Contervative

Lecturer 13% Company director 21'
Teacher 13% Lawyer 14'
Trade union employee 9% Consultant 9'
Manual worker 8% Journalist/broadcaster 7'
Charity worker 5% Manager 8'
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Local government 5% Party employee 4'
Journalist/broadcaster 5% Teacher 4'
Party employee 4% Farmer 3'
Manager 3% Accountant 3'
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Social worker 2% Surveyor/Architect. 1'
Other 25% Other 21'

party. Two in three Tory candidates went to university. Half of those went to Oxford or Cambridge. Two-thirds of Labour candidates were also graduates, but less than a quarter of those went to Oxford and Cambridge. Ten Labour candidates, as against four Tories, are Open

University graduates.

The Tories may field the top dogs, but Labour no longer fields many bottom dogs. Dennis Skinner. Bolsover's beast, and Stan Orme, once described by a shadow cabinet colleague as "the thickest shop steward in Britain" are a dying breed. There are barely more Labour working class candidates (46) than Tory Etonians: and the party is fielding 1.74 lecturers for every manual worker.

MEDIAWATCH by Lin Jenkins

Poll pact with Unionists could wreck peace talks, says Hume

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Hume, leader of the nationalist SDLP, warned the Tories and Labour yesterday that they would be condemned in Britain, Ireland and abroad if they struck a deal with Unionists after the

election.

He implied — as senior officials in the party are prepared to admit privately—that a deal with Unionists could wreck the talks on Northern Ireland's political future or, at best, effectively put them on ice until a second general election.

Speaking at the launch in Belfast of his party's election manifesto, Mr Hume said that deals at Westminster would not help to solve the Irish question — any party in Britain that would do a deal for power on the issue would provoke universal disgust.

derstood by now that dealmaking in London has never benefited them in the long run, Mr Hume said. "It is only when they stand on their own feet and negotiate the future of their own people with the rest of us, that we are going to get the lasting peace that we need."

Unionists ought to have un-

He was asked whether his own party, which had three MPs in the last parliament, would support a minority Labour administration. He

said the SDLP had always taken the Labour whip and would do so in future. The SDLP manifesto. A

New North, A New Ireland, A New Europe, emphasises the continuity of policy pursued by the party through the New Ireland Forum, the Anglo-Irish agreement and its firm commitment to the Brooke talks.

The SDLP, which received

21.1 per cent of the vote in

1987, is defending the seals of Foyle (John Hume), Newry and Armagh (Seamus Mallon) and South Down (Eddie McGrady). The first two look secure, but Mr McGrady could have a close fight on his hands against Drew Nelson of the UUP in Enoch Powel's old constituency. The SDLP is fighting hard to unseat Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, in West Belfast. ☐ Less than a third of the British public want Ulster to remain part of the United Kingdom and nearly a quarter want it to form some son

remain part of the United Kingdom and nearly a quarter want it to form some sort of union with the Irish republic, according to the latest poll (Robin Oakley writes).

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Times, conducted on Monday. Mori asked respondents if they thought Northern Ireland should form a union with the Irish republic, whether it should be an independent state or whether it should remain part of the United Kingdom.

Thirty one

Thirty-one per cent replied that it should become an independent state, 29 per cent opted for Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom and 23 per cent said it should form some sort of union with the republic.

Mori interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,109 electors in 55 constituencies face to face on March 23. Data were weighted by gender, age, class and region.

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Video age lets viewers enjoy the great escape

Possibly the main election swing not being monitored and illustrated with graphs, flow charts and colourful exploding pie charts by the television election pundits is the number of viewers reaching for the off switch.

As saturation coverage of the three leaders' every move and every utterance generates yet more expert analysis and professional interpretation, the man in the street is exercising his freedom of choice and giving a big boost to the video rental industry and cinema box office receipts.

Perhaps surprisingly, given the humour inherent in political press conferences, most of those looking for alternative entertainment are hiring comedy films. The video rental industry is rubbing its hands in glee, and praying for a hung parliament and perhaps another election

this year.

The cinema, which suffered the worst attendences in six years in January, is also enjoying the side effects of the election malaise. Last weekend, the opening of Cape Fear,

promoted as "scarier than Silence of the Lambs", became the sixth biggest opening ever of a film in the United Kingdom, netting £1.6 million at the box office. The two Warner Bros new releases, Father of the Bride and JFK, are also proving popular as is the Oscar-nominated Prince of Tides and the Disney classic Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which has adults and children alike queuing down the street.

In January, 7.6 million people went to the cinema, but the industry is predicting 8.5 million or more for this month.

Video centals rose by a tenth at

Video rentals rose by a tenth at the beginning of the election campaign and are continuing to increase. Norman Abbott, director general of the British Videogram Association, said far more people were opting to watch a video instead of television election coverage than in the last campaign simply because more households had a video recorder. Five years ago, 52.8 per cent of homes had a video recorder

compared with 72 per cent now.
Last year, the British spent £544
million renting videos and £400
million buying them.
"The effect of election boredom

"The effect of election boredom will be all the more beneficial to the video industry this year since so many people now have the option of using their video machine," he said. "Once saturation election coverage began on television, people turned to videos."

Iain Muspratt, managing director of Home Entertainment Corporation, which owns the Videoplus chain of rental outlets, and Video Box Office, which has stores within stores, said: "All the indications are that rentals have increased by over 10 per cent. Our best times are wet weekends — and a general election produces a better trade than that. We are very pleased and if we have a hung parliament it could happen again soon." Viewers were showing a preference for comedy films, followed by thrillers and drama. "People use the video as escapism. They get fed up with the fact that television and radio coverage is so

widespread and find it exhausting," Mr Muspratt added. Figures collated by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

for BBC1 show news programmes during the first week of the campaign to have fallen in the ratings. Before the election, the Sunday evening news ranked twelfth of the station's most watched programmes, but by the first Sunday of the campaign it had fallen to nine teenth. The television audience for Election Call. of about 700,000, also has a lower rating than Kilroy and the cartoons it replaces, with about 1 million and 1.3 million respectively. Another 800,000 listen to Election Call on Radio 4.

An official of the board said that most television stations were provided with viewing figures the day after a programme went out, and details of how many people switched off. "Those details are not released to the public, but they allow television companies to look closely at their output and adapt it if necessary."

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Tories
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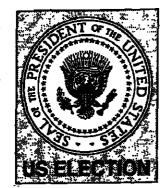
Brown victory jolts Clinton bandwagon

From Peter Stothard, us editor, in Washington

FOR the third time in this American election season 2 joke has turned nasty for the party leaders. First there was Patrick Buchanan, the television commentator who took a third of the Republican vote from President Bush. Then came Paul Tsongas, the boring Greek-American who had survived cancer and who briefly beat Bill Clinton, the Democratic party favourite. Yesterday was the turn of

Jerry Brown, the former California governor, who won a narrow victory over Mr Clinton, the governor of Arkan-sas, in Tuesday's Connecticut primary. Before this cam-paign, Mr Brown was famous for his affair with the singer Linda Ronstadt, his enthusiasm for space travel, and for wearing the most expensive suits ever seen at Mother Teresa's hospice. The common theme in the

success of all the 1992 outsiders is voters' anger at the paralysis of conventional political responses to the economy. Connecticut is one of the



union but its Republican voters registered a 22 per cent protest against the president, while its Democrats voted in droves for a man whose principal promise is to pull down the political system. Mr Brown, echoing Mr

Buchanan and Mr Tsongas after New Hampshire, says that he is no longer an outlet for protest but a serious vehicle of reform. That is likely to be as empty a boast as was theirs. But his capacity to damage Mr Clinton is great. The next primary is in New

Slick Willie leads game of the name FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

FROM the Great Emancipator to the Great Communicator, Americans are not slow in sticking a nickname on to a president or a White House hopeful and, as Bill Clinton has discovered, the sobriquets are seldom as friendly as the ones used to sum up Abra-ham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. The Arkansas governor

and Democrat frontrunner with Slick Willie, the nickname pasted on him by critics in his state and seized on by Jerry Brown, his rival for the Democratic nomination, and used to great effect on the stump. The smooth, fast-talking Mr Clinton has amazed many voters by his ability to escape from damaging revelations, and allegations about draft dodging and womanis-ing. Slick Willie fits as did the Teflon president at times to Mr Reagan.

grateful that his enemies have not, as yet, fixed on him the nickname Draft Dodger. Republican caution would be well advised. The last Democratic presidential candidate to suffer that sobriquet, Grover Cleveland, went on to complete two terms in the

White House. Mr Cleveland evaded the draft in the Civil War by paying a Polish immigrant \$150 to serve in his Electoral success does not

always wipe out unpleasant nicknames. Helped by Operation Desert Storm, George Bush has left his 1988 nickwith Tricky Dick right from his 1950 Senate days through his election to the presidency and on to his eventual fall from grace in 1974.

long acronyms created by Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, both Democrat presidents were frequently referred to by their initials, FDR and JFK.

Kennedy also suffered a so-briquet, Jack the Zipper, a reference to his fondness for women.

REPUBLICANS

PULLED OUT

vating at the prospect of a fight in which allegations of sex, drugs and rock-groupies can be brought to the fore.

Mr Clinton was hoping that, by this stage of the campaign, with a seven-to-one lead among delegates, he would be able to concentrate on attacking Mr Bush and presenting himself as a Kennedy-like agent of "generational change". He knew that he could not avoid the reporters from the New York pabloids. But he hoped he might begin to affect a degree of "presidential distance".

Mr Clinton's lead in the battle for delegates is still secure. But he must now fight in America's gutters with one of his party's most experi-enced vote-getters, a man, who after a career in California's Democratic machine is depicting Mr Clinton as the symbol of machine politics.

Success is not changing Mr Brown. His money for television advertising is still collected in "brown bags": \$100 (£58) is the largest gift that he allows. "Brownian motion" is a polite description of his campaign chaos. The best place to leave a message for him is at the flat of his friend, the writer Joan Didion.

Yesterday, each candidate manoetivred to present him-self as the "outsider" and his opponent as the "insider". On late-night television, Mr Brown told his rival: "I don't think you can posture youself as an outsider next to me." Mr Clinton snapped back: He became a convert to this reform on the day he announced for president."

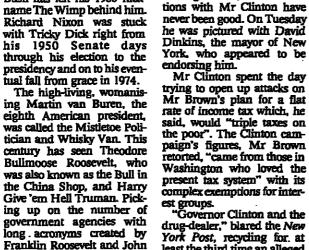
Yesterday, Mr Brown visit-ed Mario Cuomo, the New York governor, whose relations with Mr Clinton have never been good. On Tuesday he was pictured with David Dinkins, the mayor of New York who appeared to be endorsing him. Mr Clinton spent the day

trying to open up attacks on Mr Brown's plan for a flat rate of income tax which, he said, would "triple taxes on the poor". The Clinton campaign's figures, Mr Brown retorted, "came from those in Washington who loved the present tax system" with its complex exemptions for inter-

dealer," blared the New York Post, recycling for at least the third time an alleged Arkansas scandal from an election for the governorship six years ago. As Mr Bush said yesterday, surveying the Connecticut primary result: "This is a screwy year."

Bernard Levin, page 14

1,105 needed for nomination





supporters in a New York union hall after his upset victory in the Connecticut primary against Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas

Tyson will receive sentence today FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MIKE Tyson will be sentenced here this morning for raping an 18-year-old contestant in last July's Miss Black America pageant. The actual sentencing should take less than the 40 minutes it took the world's youngest heavy-weight champion to lose his title to Buster Douglas in

Thereafter, in all probabili-ty, "Iron Mike" will be swapping his 70-acre Ohio estate for a cell half the size of a boxing ring. Freedom is not all that Tyson will lose. A multi-million dollar fight with Evander Holyfield this summer is off. A few years in prison could finish a boxing career that made the 25-yearold Brooklyn street mugger the world's highest paid ath-lete. The man who revelled in being the "baddest", not the "greatest", could lose his last \$10-\$15 million (£5.8-£8.8 million) - all that remains from earnings of between \$100-200 million after umpteen lawsuits, a \$10-million divorce settlement and years

of riotous debauchery. Desiree Washington, the student and Sunday school teacher who was Tyson's victim, is likely to sue him for seven figure damages. He faces three other suits from women whose allegations of sexual abuse now look eminently credible.

On this case alone Tyson has already spent \$2 million in legal fees and has now hired Alan Dershowitz, the celebrated Harvard law pro-fessor who saved playboy Claus von Bulow in 1984, to conduct his appeal.

Tyson, not seen since his conviction, will be sentenced by Judge Patricia Gifford, a former sex crimes prosecutor known as the "Ice Qur ...". Rape carries a maximum of 20 years imprisonment and a minimum of six, some sus-pendable and with remis-sions for good behaviour.

Judge Gifford will consider a two-page letter from Ms Washington, a psychiatrist's report and character references from Tyson's friends before coming to a decision.

Angola stumbles on road to peace as rifts widen From Sam Kiley in Luanda and Martha De La Cal in lisbon

involved in the disappearance

LESS than a year after the end of Angola's 16-year civil war, diplomats in the capital, Luanda, yesterday gave a warning that the country could be plunged into fresh violence.

Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement, which fought against the forces of the MPLA government and their Cuban allies until a peace agreement was reached last year, appears to be seriously divided. Six months before Angola's first democratic elections are due to be held, there are reports of defections, disappearances and ex-ecutions of leaders. Dr Savimbi has shown

signs that he is prepared to restart the civil war in order to regain his weakening control of Unita, observers in Luanda say. They add that he has had members of his own high

missioner in London vester

day accused Amnesty Inter-

national of strident unfair-

ness and glaring inaccuracy

in its report on alleged hu-man rights abuses in India.

Dr Laxmi Mal Singhvi said

that the report was seriously

unbalanced in tone and con-

tent, and that Amnesty had

appointed itself relator, judge

and executioner. The report,

India - torture, rape and

deaths in custody, published

yesterday, said that such inci-

dents are "pervasive and a daily routine" in every one of

The report documented

415 deaths in custody follow-

ing alleged torture since 1985. Amnesty said that tor-ture persisted largely because

the government refuses to ac-knowledge it exists.

The organisation called on

the government to acknowl-

edge the problem and to in-

vestigate promptly. It pro-

posed tighter legal safeguards

suspects be informed of their

India's 25 states.

command executed. His most trusted general. Miguel N'Zau Puna, who was also Unita's interior spokesman, and Tony da Costa Fernandes, the foreign affairs spokesman, defected at the end of February and resurfaced this week in Paris.

There they accused Dr Savimbi of committing crimes, including the execution of children, after the peace agreement was signed. They also accused him of executing Wilson dos Santos and Tito Chingundji, former Unita representatives in Washington. Dr Savimbi, they said, maintains a secret bank account in Switzerland. Mr Puna said: "Unita is gov-erned by one man who imposes his will on everyone."

Unita spokesmen denied the charges and claimed that

and treatment be provided

was more interested in scor-

ing publicity points than in

communicating: "We asked

for two to three weeks more to

read what they were saying,

to tell them about exaggera-

tions and where they were

demonstrably wrong. They

refused this ... If they could

wait three years for this re-

port, why could they not wait

based on newspaper cuttings and the claims of alleged vic-

tims. "None of these cases

had been researched or inves-

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frequently used such news-

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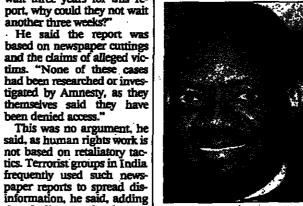
Chingundji. Foreign observers, including members of the United Nations teams sent to monitor the peace accord and the disarming of both sides, have been alarmed by the vitriolic level of attacks by Dr Savimbi on the government of President dos Santos over the last week. They have been most wor-

of Wilson dos Santos and Tito

ried by Dr Savimbi's warning on Unita radio this week that the MPLA was planning to launch an attack on Unita and that he had fled to Jamba, his bush headquarters, because he feared a plot to kill him. Both sides are due to start demobilising their troops at the end of this month, but Dr Savimbi has so far shown little enthusiasm for the programme which has already been postponed once. Diplomats say that he has ordered his soldiers at assem-

bly points all over the country to stay on alert. One ambassador said that Dr Sayimbi must "come back from the bush and re-enter normal political life". Another insisted that, while ten months ago, Dr Savimbi was confident that Unita would win an Many ambassadors, partic-

ularly those within the European Community, hope that elections will go ahead as planned. Few believe that the MPLA would like to break the peace accord and doubt that its demoralized conscript army is capable of resuming the civil war which has left most of the country devastated and depopulated.



Savimbi: accused of executing children

Mongolian rebels cry for help

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Peking: Asia Watch, the New York-based human rights organisation, yesterday for the first time printed an appeal from the underground Inner Mongolian League for the Defence of Human Rights which described a worsening situation in the region (Catherine Sampson writes). "In order to step up the repression, the Peking

authorities have transferred large numbers of experienced public security and state security agents from Peking. Hebei and Shanxi to Inner Mongolia," the group said. More and more people are being secretly questioned, watched and followed. An increasing number of students, teachers, cadres and workers are becoming suspects. Some high-ranking ethnic Mongolians have also become targets of investigation.

The agency quoted uncon-firmed reports that the indenendence movement in Inner Mongolia erupted into largescale demonstrations in six cities between last November and January. The state-run press has not reported these, but officials have spoken of undefined "problems".

Iraq challenged

tions has challenged the Iraqi leadership to allow the destruction next month of its main nuclear weapons facility at Al Atheer, 25 miles south-west of Baghdad, under International Atomic Energy Commission control.

Roh humbled Scoul: President Roh of

South Korea has told his ruling Democratic Liberal party to "be humble" and pull itself together after its election defeat. The party lost its twothirds majority, finishing with 149 seats, less than half the 229 in parliament. (AFP)

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Mali accord

Algiers: Representatives of the Mali government agreed a peace pact with Tuareg rebels to end nearly two years of fighting, the Algerian for-eign ministry said. The pact is to be signed in Mali's capital on April 9, after prisoners are exchanged. (Reuter)

Ward theory Nairobi: Wilson arap Sogo-

mo, a foresic analyst, told the continuing murder trial of two game rangers in the high court here that petrol was the likely fuel used to feed the fire which consumed the remains of Julie Ward, a British woman, in 1988. (AFP) Victims found

Phnom Penh: Four skeletons

believed to be those of US. Japanese and French newsmen who had worked for two US television networks were flown home, 22 years after their execution by Khmer Rouge and Viet Cong forces in Cambodia. (AFP)

Town troops Hong Kong: Britain and

China are reported to be near agreement on allowing Peking to station troops in the heart of the financial district of Hong Kong when British sovereignty ends in 1997. Britain earlier opposed the

Long shot Carson, California: A teen-

ager, apparently showing off with a gun to friends, allegedly fired bullets into the air and killed a five-year-old boy half a mile away. The youth, who was arrested, faces a possible murder charge, according to police. (AP)

Terry Waite given post at Cambridge TERRY Waite has been giv- Alex Haley, the late author of

leges at Cambridge. He has been unanimously elected a ouring America's ethnic difellow commoner for a year versity. Others honoured and takes up the post next include General Norman month. He will do research. possibly teach, and write a book about Beirut. Brigitte Bardot has angrily

withdrawn her SOS Animals programme from France's TF1 television channel because it was being shown too late at night. A Tokyo theatre is to stage a

play by dramatist-turnedstatesman, Vaclav Havel. during the Czechoslovak president's visit to Japan in

William Shatner, most familiar at the helm of the fictional starship Enterprise, will be in the saddle during next month's Kentucky Derby Festival, leading the annual Pegasus Parade.

en an honorary post at Trinity
Hall, one of the oldest colslavery, is to be awarded the 1992 Ellis Island medal hon-Schwarzkopf.

The remains of Polish wartime leader General Sikorski, buried in a cemetery in Newark. Nottinghamshire, in 1943, are to be returned for a reburial in his home city of Cracow.

Jacques Consteau has unveiled plans to build a floating marine laboratory big enough to transport a helicopter, hydroplane and minisubmarine, and fitted with equipment for monitoring the environment.

The father of the Princess of Wales, Earl Spencer, aged 68, is making a good recovery from pneumonia.

Warm Peking smile masks state of fear may take pictures wherever they are allowed to go. The exceptional individuals

China has designated 1992 the "Year of Tourism", and the visitor to Peking is beseiged by neon slogans which light up the city by night. "Our gift to you, the smile of the people of Peking," says one. "Travel and make friends in China," suggests another.
In reality, making friends in China is a fraught busi-

ness. A secret document recently obtained by the human rights organisation. Asia Watch, put in black and white what foreign residents guessed long ago: any Chinese making friends with a foreigner must do it by the book. If that warm Peking smile

is slipping, or conversation is becoming a little wooden, it is probably because your new-found friend is trying to remember all the rules.

☐ "Be particular about one's demeanour and bearing be civil and polite, modest and prudent; behave with self-respect, neither supercilious nor obsequious". So far, so good.

"Be warm and friendly and polite, avoid favouring one and being prejudiced

against another or detest-

greetings lie a host of repressive rules, Catherine Sampson writes ing the poor and favouring the rich. In dealing with for-eign nationals, one must

Foreigners visiting China should

beware that behind the official

have a sense of propriety and consider the possible political effect." F rom here, however, things start to go downhill in the list of regulations that have been laid down. ☐ "Watch with vigilance for infiltration by hostile

foreign forces."

"Be on the alert for foreign nationals who try to pry and spy out our restricted information. Do not hint to foreign nationals that oneself or one's children would like to go abroad. Generally speaking, foreign nationals should not be invited to one's house. No one is allowed to get in touch or contact foreign embassies or consulates in China without authorisation. Do not

give one's name and address and those of one's

home and unit to foreign

nationals who are total strangers and whose background is unknown. "Should foreign nationals request to meet with

their Chinese friends or relatives, schoolmates or colleagues, visit their homes, have dinner or stay overnight, this must be approved by the leadership of

"In case foreign na-tionals ask by mail for certain information about our country, try to locate their old acquaintances of preliberation days, the recipi-ents of those letters should promptly inform the relevant departments and de-cide whether to supply the requested information. If the background of the letter sender is not known, or the person he is trying to locate is unfit for foreign dealings, the communications should

be ignored."

□ "Foreign nationals

signs, try to get some insult-ing shots should be criti-cised, and the incident reported to the depart-ments concerned." by the party and state, and find excuses to avoid an-The document was issued

last year to all units in Inner Mongolia. But there is evidence to suggest that similar regulations are in effect nationwide at all times. One Chinese woman who walked along a Peking

street late one evening with a male foreign friend was surprised when they were surrounded by plainclothes militia and taken to the nearest police station. Police interrogated both of them for more than two hours, asking for all the details of their relationship. A handbook for Chinese staff working for the high-

profile Chinese International Trust and Investment Corporation, gives directions for those who frequently come in contact with foreigners in connec-tion with their work. It urges staff to act "at case" with foreigners, but continues: "Do not hold deep dis-cussions with people you are not familiar with. If a foreigner raises a political question you should reply in the spirit of documents made available to the public swering questions which you are not confident about.

"If somebody insults the Chinese national character, you should solemnly make clear your views. But do not squabble about it, and then afterwards immediately report to your leaders."

Nor are Chinese staff allowed to introduce any of their Chinese friends to the foreigners they work with. The corporation is at the forefront of China's policy of "opening to the world". but staff report deep dis-trust of foreigners. Managers working in joint ventures frequently remind their staff to "treat Chinese

and foreigners differently.

One Chinese woman in the corporation building was asked by her boss to explain why she had shown a stray foreigner the way to another part of the building when he had lost his new

when he had lost his way.

Shrewd Delors bides his time as French Socialists founder



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Orging ahead *

Cresson: smiling amid. adversity yesterday

IF JACQUES Delors, the president of the European Commission, is half as shrewd as his reputation in Brussels suggests, he will think hard before accepting an urgent telephone call from President Mitterrand in the coming days. France may well have to find a new prime minister after the shattering defeat inflicted upon the Socialist government in last Sunday's regional elections. But every instinct should tell him to resist an invitation to succeed the hapless Edith

As M Delors well under-stands, whoever is handed the job of leading the demor-alised Socialists into the 1993 parliamentary election is likely to be on a hiding to nothing: projection of the regional results would strand the party in opposition with a dismal The European Commission president has more chance of a successful presidential bid if he steers clear of party troubles at home, Philip Jacobson in Paris and George Brock in Brussels write

of voters, whose disgust with

corruption and influence-

endless scandals involving

peddling was reflected by the

shift to fringe parties in the

Socialist "outsider" has been consistently reflected in fav-

Ourable opinion polls, and M Delors' regular appearances recently on the nation's tele-vision screens have enhanced

his popular appeal, in spite of

a somewhat wooden style. At

the same time, lending sup-port to the theory that he is

awaiting the right moment for political re-entry, his "pilot

That status as the respected

regional contest.

handly be a worse platform from which to launch M Delors' expected challenge for the French presidency when an increasingly beleaguered M Minterrand varates the Elysee Palace in 1995 at the

The greatest political asset M Delors now possesses, outweighing even his well-deserved reputation for ability and integrity, is his absence from government in France since leaving the finance min-istry for Brussels in 1985. The intervening years have seen the French classe politique 100 or so seats. There could . sinking rapidly in the esteem

fish" are already at work in Paris: one of his top Brussels officials, François Lamoureux, now works on Mme Cresson's private staff and his daughter, Martine Aubry, is employment minister. In the view of Delors watchers in Brussels, a certain list-

lessness has set in at the commission now that the excitement of the Maastricht talks is over, the great burst of law-making for the 1992 single market has ended and national elections are dis-tracting governments in Britain. France and Italy. But above all, the commission machinery is idling because its president's mind is elsewhere. One official said: "In the Delors commission, the man himself sets everyone's pace. At the moment, his mind is 150 per cent on

Those now trying to read M

Mitterrand's mind find it a more dauming task than ever as his instinctive craftiness deepens in the face of political adversity. With every new fall in presidential popularity which has hit new lows recently - he seems to become more willing to put personal ambition above the best inter-

ests of the nation. Quite where M Delors now fits into the Mitterrand gameplan is uncertain: some observers believe that he may not be called upon to man the pumps in the prime minister's elegant quarters at the Hotel Matignon. Interpret-ing the nods, winks and hints which increasingly constitute Elysée strategy in these hard times, it appears that M Mitterrand may ignore critics within the Socialist party and go ahead with plans to introduce a form of proportional representation that might

the mainstream conservative opposition in the 1993 legislative election and save him from another dose of government by "cohabitation". In that case, the argument goes. Mine Cresson could be kept on a bit longer to soak up the heavy criticism that such a cynical manoeuvre - ushering Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right National Front into real power - would provoke. That would also spare M Mitterrand from giving the impression of unduly hasty reaction to the disaster in the regionals. One aide remarked: "He wants to wait

and see the end of the film." Meanwhile, there are reports that four of M Mitterrand's fellow EC leaders. including John Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, have asked him to leave M Delors in Brussels

prevent a crushing victory for until the Maastricht treaty on political and monetary union has been ratified by Europe's parliaments. Although EC leaders have not agreed on who among their number should succeed M Delors probably either Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, or Spain's Felipe Gonzalez - none of them wants a premature change at a moment when the Maastricht treaty is running into trouble on several fronts.

That could fit in with M Delors presidential ambitions very well, since re-election as EC commissioner for 1993 and 1994 would leave him with the high-profile of "President of Europe" while the Socialists back home wrestle with their problems. Having served under M Mitterrand he understands precisely how the Matignon can become the black hole of French politics.

Talks agreed over claims to Karabakh

BY OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Armenian foreign minister. Raffi Ovanessian, said yesterday that agreement had been reached to hold threeway talks with Azerbaijan and its mainly Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. He said the talks would be parallel with and in preparation for an international conference on the enclave to be held in Minsk, the Belorussian capital.

The minister, who is attending a meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in Helsinki, said he hoped the three-way talks would "avert another Yugoslavia, another catastrophe". He added that they were expected to deal with a ceasefire in the disputed enclave, the lifting of Azerbaijan's economic blockades and the return of weapons that had been illegally seized from the former Soviet army by combatants. He said Ar-



Radiation fears fade in Russia

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FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

SCARES over a seepage of radioactive gases at the Leningradskaya nuclear pow-er station outside St Petersburg died down yesterday as quickly as they had flared up, but left troubling questions about public safety in a crumbling country.

Moscow's state committee

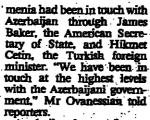
for emergencies stood down a work team which from early on Tuesday had been laying contingency plans to evacuate tens of thousands of people. The alert followed a leak of iodine and inert gases from a faulty reactor at the station in Sosnovy Bor, 60 miles west of Russia's second city.

Gosatomnadzor, the agency which regulates the nuclear power industry, said yesterday that although radiation levels inside the plant were still three times higher than normal, there was no abnormal radiation outside the installation and no danger to the public.

In Vienna, the International Atmomic Energy Agency said the status of the accident had been downgraded from three to two on a seven-point scale of severity. This would imply that there was no danger to public health.

However, the incident intensified international concern over other Soviet-built reactors that are constructed either to the RMBK design. common to Sosnovy Bor and the ill-fated Chernobyl station, or the even more contro-

versial VVER model. Sergei Shoigu, the head of the emergency committee which oversaw Tuesday's alert, said his committee was now handling an average of 17 emergencies a week, compared with ten last year, indicating an alarming rise.



Azerbaijan has umul now refused to talk to Armenian representatives from Nagorno-Karabakh, and Armenia has insisted it cannot negotiate on their behalf. More than 1,500 people have been killed since 1988 in fighting over the enclave.

Mr Ovanessian said no exact time or place had been set for the tripartite discussions. Nevertheless, he expected them to be held "in the area" as soon as possible.

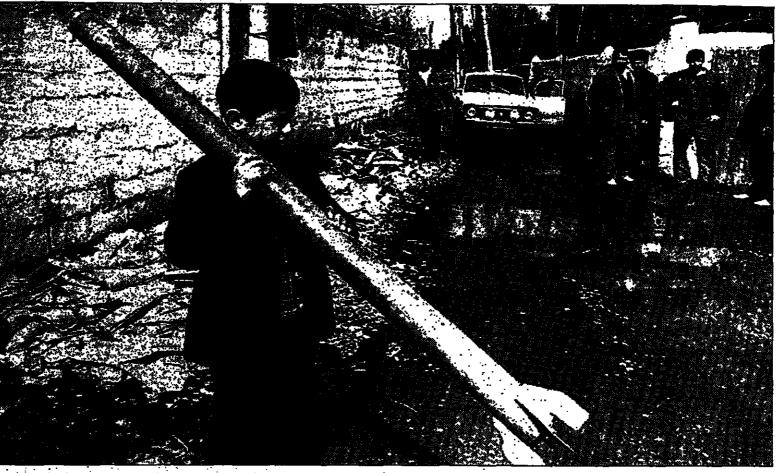
The CSCE announced on Tuesday that it was to sponsor a ten-country conference on Nagorno-Karabakh in Minsk. It said that the conference chairman would invite elected and other representatives from the enciave to attend. Mr Ovanessian said he expected the Minsk confermonths".

The former Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan are both now independent and members of the CSCE, which opened its four-month meeting in Helsinki on Tuesday. Nikolai Makarevic, Ukraine's first deputy foreign minister, assured the meeting that Ukraine was going to ratify the agreement to limit conventional forces in

Europe.
The ratification of the treaty by members of the Com-monwealth of Independent States is essential to the success of the Helsinki conference. The meeting is to end with a summit conference which wants to start new arms-control negotiations, but Western countries insist that previous agreements negotiated and signed with the former Soviet Union must first be honoured.

 Moscow: President Karimov of Uzbekistan has signed a decree ordering the formation of border guard units under the authority of the republic's national security service. (AFP)

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Guided missile: an Azerbaijani boy carrying an unexploded rocket fired by Armenians into Agdam, on the border of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. More than 1,500 people have been killed since 1988 in fighting over the enclave, which is populated mostly by Armenians

Kazakh leader gambles on winning real statehood

FROM JASPER BECKER IN ALMA ATA

WHILE Western countries, including Britain, have been shipping emergency food supplies to Kazakhstan, a South Korean entrepreneur is opening the first casino in

central Asia on April 1. Min Bong-sik is not sure if that is what Alma Ata needs right now, but he has already opened a Korean restaurant with 20st chandeliers, where a meal costs more than a year's wages for a worker. Last weekend, it was largely empty, though nothing else is

open after 10pm in Alma Ata. Kazakhstan is on paper a world power. Several thousand nuclear missiles are sited here, and its 12 million people command large deposits of uranium, oil, gas, diamonds and gold in addition to a productive agricultural sector.

Life for most people here continues as if nothing has changed, although private television companies now broadcast blue movies and local book shops are full of translations of Mickey Spillane and Bruce Lee adventures. On Sundays Russian brides still leave flowers in front of the flames beside the Unknown Soldier.

The Kazakhs, who resisted the Tsarist occupation so fiercely that most of its cities, such as Semipalatinsk, were built to control the tribes, are now taking their revenge on Moscow. While Muscovites go hungry, Kazakhstan's stores are filled with wheat and meat.

President Nazerbayev of Kazakhstan, a former communist leader, tells foreign visitors that his country will follow the Turkish or the South Korean model of development, but his real power over the economy is limited. The factories will take a long time to disengage from the Soviet system and the old party bosses remain in

charge.
President Nazerbayev's control over the army and the missiles stationed on his terri-tory is notional. "Moscow could put them on lorries and have them out of Kazakhstan within a few days. Nazerbayev would never even be aware of it," a Russian staff officer at the headquarters of the 40th army in Alma Ata,

Although Alma Ata citizens express few of the euphoric feelings over independence seen in Ukraine and else-where, the ethnic Kazakhs are growing dissatisfied with the slow progress towards achieving real statehood. "Our independence is only on paper. The army still owns Kazakh-stan," Adilov Bachid, of the Freedom party, said. Kazakh-stan still lacks its own army,

flag and currency. Many Kazakhs accuse Mr Nazerbayev of being two-faced, of saying one thing to the Russians and another to his own people. The Kazakhs - about 40 per cent of the population — want to see a national revival. Under Stalin one million died during collectivisation and later, the intelligentsia was wiped out during the purges.
"We have been treated like

the Red Indians. We don't want to stay on our reservations any more," Kulash Tiebaldinova, a member of the Alash party, said.

Slovak party chief 'used secret police'

By ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

VLADIMIR Mediar, the controversial Slovak politician leading the race in the run-up to the June general elections, has been accused of collaborating with the communist secret police and ordering the theft of security service files.

The charges, in a report compiled by the Slovak parliament and which was approved yesterday by 64 votes to 43, have dealt a serious though probably not fatal blow to his chances of regaining the premiership. Mr Meciar's party, the Move-ment for a Democratic Slovakia, which blends left-wing economics with nationalist politics, commands over 30 per cent of popular support, well ahead of the ruling Christian Democrats, the former communists and other parties. That has prompted suspicions about the timing of the latest revelations which

Mr Meciar has denied. The parliamentary security committee had the brief to find out if, how and why Mr Meciar used compromising secret police files against his

opponents while he was inte-

rior minister from January to June 1990, and prime minister until he was ousted last April. Instead the investigators claim that the archives show Mr Meciar to have been an agent with the code name "doctor". Six pages had been ripped out of the secret police

The committee says the pages dealt with Mr Meciar and two close associates in the interior ministry. Jiri Ruml, the chairman of the committee, denied that the revelations were connected with the election campaign. Rather, it was a question of tracking down cross-references in other archives to ensure that Mr Meciar, the politician, was really the same as Mr Meciar

the agent.
The committee also believes that Mr Meciar was behind a Watergate-style break-in at the provincial security service headquarters in Trencin in Slovakia. Files stolen from that office were allegedly passed to Mr Meciar, according to Lieutenant Leonard Cimo who led the break-in.

have been more frightening

if it hadn't been so obvious-

ly borrowed from Arnold Schwarzenegger. Later on

when he had relaxed a bit,

he produced a large knife

and threatened to cut off

one of my ears. This was of

course a joke, but I think that if I had been a Western

businessman, I might at

this stage have started to

worry about my invest-

Chekha, the leader of this

group, is a national volun-

teer who told me that he

and five hundred others are

being sent shortly to fight

for the disputed enclave of

Nagorno-Karabakh. He has

obvious qualities of leader-

ship, and if he lives, will

commanders will almost

certainly have a political

role to play in an Azerbaijan

where democratic tradi-

tions are extremely weak. If

Chekha does take this road.

it must be hoped that he will

not forget his old friends.

Moreover, successful

probably have a good war.

ments in Azerbaijan.

Clashes in Croatia may delay **UN** role

Belgrade: General Satish Nambiar, the commander of the United Nations peacekeeping force for Yugoslavia, has threatened to delay deployment of his troops after the recent upsurge of violence along the Croatian ceasefire line (Our Foreign Staff write). General Nambiar was speaking as the clashes which have cost 23 lives in Croatia and Bosnia since Sunday continued yesterday, with fighting between Croatian and Serbian paramilitaries in the northern Bosnian town of Bosanski Brod. Mortars were fired across the river Sava, hitting Slavonski Brod.

General Nambiar's warning to Zagreb and Belgrade came as advance parties of UN troops continued to stake out their positions in Serbiancontrolled areas of Croatia. It was the first notice that the UN's deployment plans were in jeopardy. Some 14,000 UN troops are set to take UN troops are set to take control of three areas of Croatia by the end of April.

However Lord Carrington, chairman of the European Community's peace conference on Yugoslavia, remained optimistic about

Question time

Moscow: Russia's state prose cutor has asked Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, not to leave Moscow before April 10 so that he can be questioned about Communist party finances, according to the Interfax news agency.

Polish changes

Rome: To keep pace with the changes in eastern Europe, the Pope has created 13 new bishoprics in Poland, increased the number of dioceses to 40, and redrawn the borders of six of them to extend into Ukraine and

Reign over

Tirana: Albania's once omnipotent Communist party. renamed Socialists, which won only 25 per cent of the votes cast, has formally conceded defeat after the weekend parliamentary election which ended its 40 years in power. (Reuter)

Video law

Boan: The German government agreed to jail anyone possessing a single child pornographic film as police re-ported more than 13,000 cases of child abuse last year to satisfy a booming market in perverted videos, reputedly worth £140 million.

Tatar progress

Kiev: Crimean Tatars, exiled to Central Asia in 1944, won a political breakthrough in their campaign for a national state when Refat Chubarov. deputy chairman of the Tatar Mezhlis, or council, was allowed to address the Ukrainian parliament. (Reuter)

Climbers safe

Madrid: Eight British climbers were found safe and well by a mountain rescue team after being trapped by storms 6,000 ft up in Spain's Picos de Europa range. Rescuers had fought through snow and high winds to reach them.

Miners' mettle

Madrid: About 400 Spanish miners, striking against pit closures in Leon, ended a weary 18-day, 300-mile trek to the capital with a rally at the industry ministry where tens of thousands of unionists joined them, chanting "Madrid is with you". (Reuter)

Bandits and beatings plague the border express

miles short of the Georgian border. Cowering in our locked compartment, we listened to the screams and noise of people being beaten. One woman said she was raped. At the next station, the gang jumped into a waiting car and drove off. The engine driver vanished, and the train came to a halt.

This was the second time in two days that the Baku-Tbilisi express had been attacked. Azerbaijanis on the train immediately excused their robber compatriots by saying that they had only robbed Georgian passen-gers in reprisal for Azer-barjanis having been robbed by Georgians on their way to Azerbaijan from the Georgian Black Sea ports. I do not know if this ac-

count of bandit patriotism was true, but it says a great deal about ethnic hatreds in this part of the world, even between nations like Azerbaijan and Georgia which are not yet in conflict. Any-way, the Georgians believed Anatol Lieven recounts the horrific adventures which befall those who attempt to travel between the Azerbaijani and Georgian capitals

Georgian border, I found that those who had heard the news were already cursing the "Muslim bandits". Trains between the Azerbaijani and Georgian capitals are unpredictable. being cancelled, delayed or subject to attacks. However, all regular flights between Baku and Tbilisi have been suspended because of the security situation, as have most flights within Georgia. due to lack of fuel.

Drivers in the Transcaucasus are now so afraid to cross borders that they are charging exorbitant prices. Driving from Tbilisi to Baku, I could see why. Our Georgian number plate meant that we were stopped at all seven Azerbaijani po-lice checkpoints, and if it had not been for my British

it, and when I crossed the passport, we might well have had to bribe them all. The repercussions of the loyalist rebellion in support of Georgia's deposed president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia,

in Mingrelia provided the last obstacle on my harried journey to Tbilisi, for when I finally got to the edge of the city by road, my way was blocked by national guardsmen with armoured vehicies. They were there to prevent Gamsakhurdia supporters entering the city, but their presence immedintely set off rumours of a new coup, causing more de-

lays and confusion. This journey through castern Georgia confirmed where much of this insecurity is coming from. Between Thilisi and the Azerbaijan border lies the city of Rustavi, a hideously polluted



heavy-industrial centre. For mile upon mile, the road is lined by rusting factories, grim, ugly concrete blocks of flats, and a prison.

On the street corners and in the squares are groups of tough-looking young men, obviously unemployed. smoking and chatting. They are being recruited into one or other of the national guards or other volunteer groups doing the fighting and manning roadblocks. In Baku a week later, I had

another encounter with this world when an East European businessman invited me to a party with some of his local associates.

These turned out to be a group of ambiguous young men in black leather jackets, liberally sprinkled with tattoos and knife scars. Two of their number had been killed in Moscow the week before, in a fight with other Azerbaijani businessmen. My neighbour at the table had a wound from that clash

Rubber cheques and bouncing Congressmen

ou have no doubt, been reading about the "Rubbergate" scandal in the American House of Representatives (the lower - very low - house of the legislature), but I have been monitoring it hourly, here in California, and the juice that is coming out with every twist of the handle flows so copiously that the Potomac River is already dotted with the bodies of drowned dogs, postmen and investigative journalists. (No Congressmen so far.) epidemic of measles.

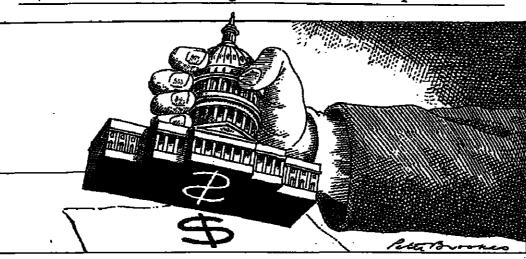
For anyone at home who missed the starting gun, it went off like this. The Representatives, for years back, have been signing cheques on a non-existent bank when they did not have the funds to cover the withdrawals. The mythical bank went by various names — The Bank of Fairy Gold, the Wouldn't It Be Lovely Bank, the Consolidated Bank of Pie in the Sky, and the Bank of Whatever BCCI Stands For. But it was an informal organisation run by the House's Sergeant-at-Arms; there were no rules, no contracts, no regulators. no inspectors. As one member said "any House member with an account could walk up to a teller's cage and cash a cheque for \$1,000, without anyone checking whether the account contained enough funds to cover the sum."

The cheques bounced, and how they bounced. At one time, 20,000 smackers went through without demur, and of these (all of them, of course, written on butterfly wings), only five were sent back with the familiar and ominous rubric "Refer to Drawer" (or, as the rubric goes in Congress "Don't give it a thought, Jack"). Meanwhile, the number of red faces going about Washington has spread a rumour that there is an

There are two prizes to be won in the bounced-cheque game; one. in memoriam Legs Diamond, is for the number of cheques bounced; the other is the S & L Gold Star, for the bouncer who rolled up the biggest monetary sum.

The field is scattered, though it

is at its thickest near the front. For instance, Representative Tommy Robinson rolled up a total of 996 rubber cheques (every one cashed), a lead that was thought insuperable: well, here comes Representaable; well, here comes representa-tive Mrazek, whose tally of 972 is certainly within range of the leader. Representative Gerry Si-korski admits that his 670 bounced cheques is a long way behind Robinson and Mrazek. but he is not going for the Legs Diamond trophy, he is after the S & L award (biggest amount in Bernard Levin investigates America's capitol crime



total) and well he might be, considering that he has \$119,996 going for it. But the game is not yet over; Representative Hunter started by admitting to 160 bouncers, but 24 hours later the careless fellow said it was 407. Bystanders were puzzled; 407 bouncers is a substantial contribution, but surely he could not think he had a chance against the leaders, who were nudging a thousand. All was clear, though, when he let slip that he was not interest-

ed in the numbers of cheques he had bounced, only the amount for which he had bounced them. So Sikorski's \$119,996, which looked cast iron, is in immediate danger from Hunter's \$129,225, and Hunter rubbed it in by announc-

ing that one—one—of his tally of bouncings was for \$23,012. In addition to the two official trophies, there is an informal one thought up by the Taxpayer's Association, for the most extrava-

fortunately, the Association will get only some short-lived fun, because everyone agrees that no better get-out than Representative Dornan's could ever be thought up: it was that the money was used for a statue of the Virgin Mary and the construction in his back yard of a wishing well that he was building for his wife, Sallie, for their 36th wedding anniversary.

Then there is Representative Barbara Boxer. Just before the bubble burst, she rode up the steps of the Capitol on a horse so white that sunglasses were essential; her line was the Congressmen's financial affairs were none of anybody else's business, and she would vote against the measure proposing release of the details. She thought better of it, however, when it was revealed that she had a trunkful of hounced cheques of her own. Presumably, she went out and shot the white horse; certainly she said
"This is the biggest embarrassment of my life," adding, ment to
coherently, "If somebody wants to get negative, and if that appears on a TV ad, well that somebody else can have warts, too."

In that line, Representative Wilson went further, saying: "All of you who have never bounced a cheque, vote for my opponent — the rest vote for me." Ingenious, you must admit, but I think he will not be carried shoulder-high by his constituents, unless, to be sure, there is a gallows handy.

Representative Thomas also invited a lynching, saying: "Have I bounced cheques? No. Have I written cheques which triggered the overdraft protection under the so-called bank? The answer is yes." (Once again Tribulation Wholesome, the stout pastor in The Alchemist, comes to mind: when it is suggested that he should join in

the coining of money, he is about to burst with indignation that such a thing could be suggested to one of the cloth, but when the gang tell him that they are not coining money, but casting it, he dives in cheerfully, afire for his cut.)

The best news in all this is that in the United States bouncing a cheque is illegal, and the ranks of enforcement are by no means a row of sleeping policemen. How come, then, that hundreds of Congressmen are still at liberty indeed, how come that not one has had his collar fingered? My old had his collar integered: My out friend, Vox Q. Popp, has been asking that question. The mildest reply was "Personally, I think they should all go to jail"; the most delicate "To see what happens to them will be very interesting".

Unfortunately, it will not be very interesting, because the Representatives carefully ensured that because the House "bank" was not a bank in the legal sense, its rules, such as they were, could be broken

with impunity.

Poor old Acton: nobody quotes him correctly, except me. Nevertheless, power does tend to corrupt, and absolute power likewise does corrupt absolutely. But may I have a colour photograph of Representative Dornan's statue of the Virgin Mary?

Why my team can run Britain

Neil Kinnock explains to Robin Oakley that Labour is an Opposition ready and waiting for government

head-hunted would-be chief exec-

inders may worry about whether Neil Kinnock's larynx will last the election. Not so Labour's leader. He celebrated his wedding anniversary yesterday by serenading his startled wife Glenys at 6.30 am.

Although the polls do not offer conclusive evidence, Mr Kinnock has the air of a man who is on a roll, who can see the future unfolding before him. At the last election it was a battle to get twenty minutes with him. This time be was willing to keep his helicopter waiting to extend a question session over coffee and croissants in the cool-tiled elegance of Labour's Millbank elec-

The future", he says, "belongs to those who prepare for it," and as the longest-serving leader of the Opposition this century, he has done his preparation. But with polls rating his personal qualities he the better man for Number Ten? "I have confidence in my ability to manage, to set objectives, and I think that does distinguish me from Mr Major. Whatever his personal quality, he has demonstrated that he is not the most competent of team leaders."

The team is the theme. In the Tory years, he says, there has been too narrow a focus on the prime minister as the centre of all decision-making, which has un-dermined the British system. We need a "very substantial step away from that" to the "strongly-led team government" he offers. Tackling the affable Mr Kinnock now is like interviewing a

utive. Is he offering a vision of society different from John Major's, or merely better manage-ment of what we've got? Labour, he says, would give meaning to that talk of a classless society. "We can come nearer than the Conservatives ever will not just because of our policies for distribution, but much more because of our com-mitment to improving house-building, the condition of pensioners, giving young people a much firmer start in life with our education and training policies, and being much more emphatically meritocratic than Conservatives have ever been or would be, even

under the present leadership." A point is conceded, perhaps, in that

But what about the black hole at the centre of Labour's policies where Clause Four socialism used to he. We know which banners are no longer to be raised. But what is Mr Kinnock, in individual liberty, but in practical rather than abstract terms. Socialism is nothing if detached from realities. "What marks us out is not our description of the desirable ends of human development, but our willingness to provide the means of ensuring that people's talents can come to fruition and that people's needs for

care are met."

This election is about the economy. Against the background of a dire recession, why does the public still rate the Tories as better at managing national finances? It is the incumbency factor, says Mr Kinnock, "almost a cultural factor, the Conservatives being able to manage". But the more specific the question, for example on unemployment, the more likely

people are to name Labour.

He talks frequently of who would best give the economy "vitality", and says that those like the business leaders who wrote to The Times backing the Tories should forget their prejudices and look at the evidence. "If the Conservatives were running a corporation, they'd have been sacked long ago." sacked long ago."

He dismisses the idea that

Labour's tax structure, penalising entrepreneurs and management, would depress business activity more than any capital allowances would stimulate it. Businessmen are driven, he says, by the thirst for success. There will be no falling away in commitment, because Labour will give them growth in the economy. "All the studies ever done about motivation, marginal rates of tax and the commitment the business leader demonstrate that there is no causal link. People make the commitment and do that in virtually all tax circumstances." But what about the anomaly

pointed out by Anatole Kaletsky in The Times, that Labour's plans would impose larger tax increases on a salaried manager than on a millionaire living on the interest off his capital? "Those figures", says Mr Kinnock, "don't fly." But if they did? There we get an indication of the way Labour's tax thinking might move in office. "This is not in any sense a policy promise. But if by some quirk of the taxation system people on exotically high incomes were pay-



Kinnock in full flight on his gladiatorial opponent, John Major: "He isn't a bad fellow,"

comes, it would be a case for introducing the American system of guaranteed basic liability" (whereby everybody pays a mini-mum proportion of their in-come, whatever their legitimate deductions).

Labour governments have nearly always devalued the pound. But this Labour leader is enthusiastic about the discipline of the exchange-rate mechanism. Would he devalue, or would he raise interest rates to maintain Britain's obligations if markets were to dive on the election of a Labour government?

Past devaluations, said Mr Kinnock, have proved of no real

tage of the worldwide price cut. nor to provide protection against inflation at home. "I don't think there was ever that escape hatch. Since we are in the ERM, the idea that devaluation could somehow bring us lower interest rates and greater economic vigour is completely insupportable. The result of devaluation by Britain would be to raise interest rates. The same thing applies to devaluation in some form of escape from the ERM. The idea that we could float alongside a Community which contains our major trading partners and competitors and not have to take action to support the pound

ing less of a fair share than people value. There was never any prepalous. We might as well put those are not realistic. We've got to work within the ERM and make a

success of it."
His explanation for his own and Labour's switch to being a pro-European party may raise a party eyebrow or two. In the late 1970s, says Mr Kinnock, he was already concerned about how far his party was "out of step with reality" on Europe. "Had we gone through less turnult in the early 1980s, then I would have made those opinions very evident then. Privately I did. But such was the state of the Labour party that to add that argument would have added fuel to already raging

Within a couple of weeks of the 1983 election, he recalls, he set out an alternative view, "which I had prepared before the election and which I was going to employ what-ever the result. In pushing for "a new deal for Europe and a square deal for Britain", he says, he found he was articulating an opinion widespread within Labour's ranks.

He criticises the government for playing Maastricht for party, not country, and says that he wants EC nations to stop "posturing" on grand constitutions and to con-centrate on practical issues such as reforming the common agricultural policy and easing urban congestion. On sovereignty, he makes no bid at all for the Eurosceptic vote, claiming that "modern sovereign-ty involves the protection and advance of the interests of the nation state by acceptable forms of pooling of aspects of sovereignty.

To resist that general principle is to invite defeat."

overeignty shells being fired across the political battlefield he calls "outdated concepts, much more to do with vanity than success, and much more to do with self-righteousness than the national interest."

Mr Kinnock insists that a Labour government would achieve 3 per cent growth and that unemployment would be 300,000 lower next year after John Smith's Budget. But Labour opposed all the Tory tax cuts, from 33p in the pound downwards, so why restore some of those to pay for more NHS spending? No. with one hand what they gave with the other, pushing VAT up to 172 per cent and increasing national insurance contributions from 62 to 9 per cent. "We don't want to add to the burden of tax for the vast majority of the British

people."
There was no love lost with the old management. But what about John Major? Is there any fellow feeling for another gladiator in the arena tunnel, knowing that each could face the thumbs down from his party if the election is lost? "I wasn't brought up that way," says Mr Kinnock. "You're in a fight, you're in a fight..." But does he like him? "He isn't a bad fellow."



...and moreover

t a dinner party, everyone was agreeing that the general election is stiflingly boring. The speeches of the leading players, they main-tained, are just too colourless to keep one interested in their dreary policies for more than a day, let alone a month. Someone then asked why

there has been such a deteriora-tion. "At the turn of the cenhe said, "the leading politicians were all giants. People would queue for hours to hear them speak. And a debate in the House of Commons was a real debate, full of passion and eloquence. But look at them now, umming and erring about percentages of tax increases! Pathetic."

Once again, everybody nodded their agreement. I fell silent, I felt sure that I had read something - some witty report from the time - that contradicted the idea that politicians were once so very much wittier and wiser and more awe-inspiring than they are now. Ten minutes later, I remembered: Beerbohml Max Beerbohm wrote an essay describing the tedium of a visit to Parliament, and how the general level of inarticulacy on the floor was transformed by gifted journalists into a daily display of magnificent oratory. I opened my mouth to make my point, only to find that, the election being considered so very dull, the conversation had moved on to something more interesting. such as the relative merits of rival supermarkets.

The next day, I looked up the Beerbohm essay to check that what I would have said, had I spoken, agreed with what I might have remembered, had I remembered it in time. It is a

very short piece, "The House of Commons Manner", from a book of essays called *Yet Again*, published in 1909, and written over the course of the previous ten were We writt take it then ten years. We must take it, then. that he is writing of the Commons at the turn of the century, the golden age cited by my fellow guest.

Max, "that in a congeries of seventy men, chosen by the British public, there will be a very high average of mental capacity... But is it not reasonable to expect that the more active of these gentlemen will, through constant practice . . . at elections and public dinners and so forth, have acquired a roughand-ready professionalism in the art of speaking? It is not unreasonable to expect that they will be fairly fluent — fairly capable of arranging in logical sequence such ideas as they may have formed, and of reeling out words more or less expressive of

those ideas." Max then concedes that "certain of the Irishmen, certain of the Welshmen, proceed easily enough. But oh! those poor Saxon others! Look at them, hark at them, poor dears! See them clutching at their coats, and shuffling from foot to foot in travail. while their ideas ridiculous mice, for the most best, but for the least bad.

part — get jerked painfully out somehow and anyhow."

Observers of the current election may be experiencing a strong feeling of deja vu. Person-ally, I have spotted a good number of "ridiculous mice" in the past few days. But perhaps only those of us who have had to sit through Parliament day after day, without the benefit of TV highlights, will recognise Max's re-creation of a typical speech, circa 1900: "It seems to me that the right the benegrable ne golden age cited by my the right — the honourable member for — er — er — er — yes, of course — South Clapham er - the southern division of Clapham — (long pause; his lips form the words "Where was I?") oh, yes, the honourable gentieman the member for Clapham seems to me to me — to me to be
— in the position of one who,
while the facts on which his propo-supposition are based er - may or may not be in themselves acc - correct (gasps) — yet inasmuch — because – nevertheless..." and so on.

Max argues that this is no caricature "Not at all. Indeed. to save space in these pages, I have rather improved it. The illusion that Parliament is the seat of eloquence he blames on the low expectations of the political reporter: "seeing nothing good, he will gradually forget what goodness is; and will accept as good that which is least bad." So perhaps politics — and journalism — has improved since then, for in 1992 everyone in the country seems fully aware that they are voting not for the

It's my party

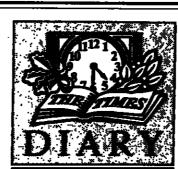
WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE was fully prepared for Labour's emotive party political broadcast on the health service featuring Jen-nifer Bennett, long before it was televised on Tuesday night. Immediately before the election,

the health secretary set up a "damage limitation" team in Central Office to deal with just such stories during the campaign. Yesterday the unit passed its first test with flying colours. The team is run by Richard

Marsh, Waldegrave's special adviser, but the central figure in the operation is Clive Froggatt, a Cheltenham general practitioner, who volunteered to act as Waldegrave's pet doctor in Tory headquarters until April 9. It was he who discovered that in the Bennett case there were at least two spies in the camp: the girl's mother, Margaret, who has been a paid-up member of Faversham Conservative Association for ten years, and Jennifer's grandfather, Peter Lee-Roberts, who is vicepresident of the local Tories.

Froggatt could not believe that Labour, as well as apparently failing to check many of the other facts, had not bothered to ask about the family's political affiliations - especially as Margaret Bennett has actually been out canvassing for the local Tory candidate, Roger Moate.

Tipped off in advance from the inside. Richard Marsh ensured that sympathetic newspapers were briefed even before Labour's broadcast went out, so that the morning papers were able to pour scorn on Labour's claims yes-terday. It was just the sort of slick operation the Tories had previously failed to mount. That what is ostensibly Labour's strongest



in those circumstances is ridicu-

issue — the health service — is what led Central Office finally to get its act together only adds to Labour's discomfort.

• Just which moment did the cameras capture yesterday morning when John Major's aides arranged a photo call of the prime minister watching the cricket world cup final? The very ball which saw Ian Botham controversially given out, caught behind. "Oh dear, that's not a very good omen," said Major. For whom he did not say.

Fat chance

ROBBIE COLTRANE has been throwing around his weight on behalf of the Labour party in Scotland. The actor, who now lives in one of the Tories' most marginal seats, Michael Forsyth's constituency in Stirling, has been terrorising Tory canvassers who dare to darken his door during the campaign. Coltrane, the star of Nuns on the Run and the Persil ads, has given chase twice to Caryl Harding, a diminutive grandmother

delivering Tory election leaflets.
She is too modest to talk about the incident that has made her the toast of Scottish Tory circles, but according to colleagues, she first braved Coltrane's long drive last

sprawling mansion in the fashionable part of Kilairn, she politely asked Coltrane — who helped to launch Labour's Scottish campaign - whether he would be voting for Forsyth.

Coltrane chased her off his

flames.

land, butas a stout Scottish Tory. Mrs Harding was not to be easily deterred. Several days later she made the long trek up the drive again with a "Vote Forsyth" leaflet, and hastily pushed it through Coltrane's letterbox. But she was not quick enough. Coltrane was hosting a dinner party, and heard the leaster drop on his doormat. He abandoned his astonished guests to give chase in an effort to return the leaflet to the canvasser. Being, by his own admission "fat and over 40", he thankfully failed to catch his tormetor.

Paddington to Oxford and Bristol were kept waiting for almost an hour this week by a novel excuse. "Spring is here," announced BR. "We have two swans on the line at Maidenhead."

Evasive action

WHEN Prince Charles arrives at the British Institute in Florence today for its 75th birthday, he will walk into a row with the Italian authorities over alleged tax and social security evasion.

The prince is the patron of the institute - set up to foster Anglo-Italian relations - which was yesterday fined £50,000 by the Italian courts for failing to pay social security contributions over many years. The prince is due to attend the institute's anniversary dinner in the Palazzo Vecchio despite the

controversy. Enquiries began last year when staff with English contracts discovered that they were not entitled week. Knocking on the door of the to Italian medical and social sec- security conference today.

urity benefits. They signed a so-called "denucia" to the Italian office demanding that the insti-tute open its books. The prince is aware of the row, for nine staff members wrote to him last month drawing his attention to the "very troubled climate within the British

One of the institute's contributions to Anglo-Italian understanding was to teach English swearwords to the Italian police during the 1990 World Cup, to help them deal with our football hooligans.

 Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum will be hoping the National Gallery keeps a sharp eye on its newly authenticated Rembrandi, Alexander the Great, which goes on display in London today. For the Glasgow museum has of late a poor security record. At a recent charity fundraising ball someone among the 300 guests went home with L.S. Lowry's VE Day, valued at £150,000. "It just walked away like a matchstick man," says



a spokesman, denying that any-thing more could have been done to prevent the theft. That, however, has not deterred the museum from sending a delegation to a

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UNHEALTHY CAMPAIGN

widely predicted. Labour has gone back to health as its favourite campaign issue. It has done so by means of a relevision advertisement which recalls the "Willie Horton" commercial used to attack Michael Dukakis on crime during the 1988 American election. The controversy Labour's commercial was designed to arouse is meant to underline health as the salient issue on which the party most vigorously leads the Tories.

The advertisement was based on a tendentious account of a child's wait for an operation which she could have obtained faster. it was claimed, in the private sector. It conveyed nothing about the two parties policies on health. Labour has no plan to prohibit private patients from circumventing the queues that are unavoidable in a free public service. In any event, it emerged yesterday that the delay in her treatment may have been due to an administative blunder of no political significance.

The difficulty for the electorate is to disentangle policy from noise. The substance of Labour's policy on health appears brutally simple. It flirted briefly with some of the government's milder reforms, but at the start of the campaign it abandoned such reasonableness for outright opposition. Apart from vague pledges about efficiency audits, Labour intends to rescind government policies to make the health service more cost effective, and to throw an extra £1 billion at the resulting mess with little thought for productivity. The NHS will revert to the

status quo ante, but at higher cost. Mr Cook is an unashamed corporatist about health. He yesterday promised £25 million to improve waiting rooms. Such decisions should never be a central government responsibility. They should arise from the needs of hospitals to attract patients from general practitioners who have money to spend and choice in how to spend it. Mr Cook is demonstrating Labour centralism at

The election campaign has turned rough. As its worst reactionary, fimid over reform, silent in the face of powerful union and professional lobbies, happy only in throwing huge sums of public money at any perceived ill. This is not so mast a policy, more a scutting back man a safe hole.

What must be worrying the Tories is their

leaders inability to expose and publicise these shortcomings. They seem stumed by the health issue the Labour election broadcast was not mentioned at yesterday's morning press conference until raised in a question. Polisters may have told them health is one issue on which they cannot win and on which they should therefore remain silent. But a party should not scranch from a race merely because its opponent seems to be on a winner. Nothing was more potem a symbol of Labour misgovernment past than events in the health service in 1978-9 hospital strikes, queues and ward closures — a period to which Mr Cook now looks back with such nostalgia. At least the Tories could jog the public's memory.

Labour's remin to the health theme over the past two days was the most widely anticipated event of the campaign so far, That the return would be tasteless was equally predictable. Doubtless the same will be seen on education and unemployment. The Tories needed a response which was swift and effective. They are in the right on health. They have instituted, however tardily, reforms overdue since the NHS was set up. They have given the NHS greatly increased resources and proposed measures to ensure that these resources go to improved national health, not union feather-bedding. Labour, in a most reactionary guise, wants to reverse these advances, substituting wasteful expen-

diture and union appeasement. Health service reform is a good example of modern Toryism at its most innovative, and of modern socialism at its most reactionary. If it wants to win, this is the message John Major's team has to get across.

THE CIS LOSES CREDIT

The Commonwealth of Independent States is falling apart. Ukraine has just announced that it is to set up customs posts on the republic's border with Russia. It will demand entry visas for citizens of all former Soviet republics and will abandon use of the rouble. Russia meanwhile is setting up its own army. Azerbaijan and Armenia, despite their agreement to begin peace talks on Nagorno-Karabakh, are calling up reserves ready for full-scale war. The II CIS states failed again in Kiev to agree on the preconditions for amicable co-operation: the control of the armed forces, the co-ordination of tax laws, money supply, mining and other legacies of the Soviet state.

That state can never be out together again. nor can the CIS replace it. The governments and peoples of the former Soviet Union want untrammetted independence. Only after the total dismantling of the economic and political structures of communism can free, democratic states create something viable from the rubble.

Therefore the sooner the republics take charge of their own economic destiny the better and there is no point the West tuttutting over the failures at Kiev. A series of siege economies are the best precursors of the small-scale capitalism on which a new prosperity can be built. Factories that cannot obtain spare parts from distant suppliers in foreign lands must set up their own suppliers, creating a more responsive local distribution system. Giganticism, the economic delusion of communism, can only be broken down by nuthless privatisation. As with sanctions, closing borders can rally morale and boost domestic production. National self-reliance can be a spur to

invention and revival. The former Soviet Union is no longer an ill-educated peasant society. The bulk of the population lives in towns and has lost its links with the land. An industrial infrastructure, though ramshackled and irrational, is

already in place. Unlike South Korea or India, where modern industry could be built on green fields while agriculture still thrived, the republics can start again only at colossal cost. Whole towns have grown up round single-industry plants. Just to adapt the arms industry to civilian production will take years. Russia's oil industry, for example, is wholly dependent on well-head equipment produced in Baku, where dislocation has almost paralysed oil production.

The republics must thus find a way of reducing their vast industrial interdependence without causing unacceptably high unemployment, social dislocation and consequent political instability in the interim. Nor do they want to. What they seek is a framework for allowing local initiative to grow and seek new markets. That demands a stable and convertible currency. The rouble is not only inflating and worthless abroad, it remains the currency of Russia. The other independent countries have the indignity of being at the mercy of a central bank over which they have no control. Some are using local coupons; others demand payment from each other in US dollars or German marks. Neither solution is practical.

The former republics will always be tied to the Russian economy. Most are more dependent on Russian oil and raw materials than ever before. They may introduce their own currencies, but still need some form of payment clearing house. The best solution is a stable rouble. Only the larger economies of the West can provide the necessary underpinning, in the form of a multi-billion dollar stabilisation fund. Britain and its European partners are pointing out to the Americans that this would be a small price to pay for political and military stability in the region. President Bush disagreed until challenged by Richard Nixon to show greater Western leadership. He appears to have relented and supports the European case. But now he must show this support in action.

interference by bad weather was universally

CRICKET FROM THE HEART

As it turned out on the night, Pakistan played in Cavalier style and won by miles. They were the only team that improved throughout the course of cricket's fifth World Cup, and they were a pleasure to watch, not least for their volatility in the field. They had the fastest and most excitingly unpredictable bowler in the competition, Wasim Akram, some beautiful young orthodox strikers of the ball letting rip poetry of native wristiness. and in Mushtaq Ahmed a leg-break-bowler whose top-spinner and googly constantly wrong-footed the best of the English Roundheads, who seldom come up against such lovely bowling in this old-fashioned genre. The Pakistanis care passionately about their cricket, and it showed in their body language and their fierce delight.

The World Cup attracted the largest audience for cricket since the inchoate game started. Nearly 90,000 spectators filled the speciacular illuminated bowl at Melbourne for the final, and many millions more watched it on television around the world. It did wonders for the morale and sense of national identity of Pakistan and South Africa.

The competition was generally well-behaved, though cricket has always had room for sharpish practices. W.G. Grace would have approved of the innovation of wicketkeepers appealing for a notional catch down the leg-side to distract the umpire from

calling a wide. The World Cup was marred by some idiotic local rules and commercial decisions. dictated by the requirements of television. These scheduled it at a time of year that was the equivalent of the end of September in England, so that 11 of the 39 games were interrupted by rain. The rule governing condemned (except by its inventors) as perverse, idiotically complex, and unfair on any team batting second. Pakistan might not have reached the final without it, and South Africa might have. Not even the most trueblue Corinthian of England captains of the past would have asked the umpires to allow the South Africans 13 balls to make the last 22 runs they needed, instead of the one ball that they were eventually restricted to. But nobody thought what happened was cricket. Cricket was originally a game which the English, not being a spiritual people, had to invent in order to have some concept of eternity and fair play. Traditionalists complain about the razzmatazz and coloured pyjamas, the rowdiness and slog-and-run of the oneday game. But they do not turn out in sufficient numbers to support the leisurely old game, dragging on for days, with white flannels and polite dapping beneath immemorial gas-holders. The more leisurely game will survive in England as the necessary training-ground for cricketers to learn their varied skills, before exercising them in the one-day gladiatorial arena.

The World Cup has brought a new excitement to the game, and introduced it to a huge new audience. The cricketing authorities need to take their rules back from the television producers and commercial exploiters. Television schedules, not the spirit of cricket, insist that a game be finished in a single day; and 60 overs make a better match than 50. But, in spite of its flaws and stupidities, the World Cup was a triumph for cricket and its players - not least for leg-spinners - and an exciting overture to this summer's Pakistan five Test tour in England.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Election 92: minimum wage and the effect on jobs . . .

From Professor Emeritus B. Roberts Sir. The Labour party's proposals for a national minimum wage and the establishment of a system of overall. wage regulation achieved through the co-ordination of pay bargaining based upon a "national assessment" are being justified by reference to the

support this claim. State-determined minimum wages have had relatively little effect in raising the relative wages of low-paid workers in the countries cited, since pressures in the labour markets and especially the pressures exerted by unions have forced up all levels of pay, through increased industrial conflict, creating inflation and rais-

success of similar policies in other

countries in Europe. The facts do not

ing levels of unemployment of teen-agers and less skilled workers.

The attempts in Germany, Italy,
France and Sweden to improve the relative wages of the low paid and to prevent inflation by nationally promoted systems of central control of pay levels are increasingly accepted as no longer working effectively.

Recent studies by the European Social Affairs Directorate have shown that the main features of developments in pay structures in Community countries are "a gradual withdrawal by the state from collective bargaining, an attempt to link wages to company performance and the promotion of flexibility mea-

In short, as social democratic parties and trade union membership decline, as is happening in all the continental countries, they are turn-ing to what might be described as Thatcherite industrial relations, monetary and fiscal policies.

If Labour is elected and it seeks to put its pay proposals into effect the results will be further aggravated by its tax and industrial relations policies, which will lead to the problems now existing in Europe which it has chosen to ignore and which will not be solved by supporting the social chapter.

Yours faithfully, BEN ROBERTS. 28 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. March 23.

From Lord Jay

Sir. The continuous rise in unemployment by 50,000 a month since the UK joined the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) in 1990 at a heavily over-valued exchange rate has confirmed the worst fears of those who criticised that decision. An over-valued exchange rate damages an industrial economy in three ways simultaneously. It taxes exports, subsidises imports and by necessitating high interest rates discourages investment and construction.

The damage is particularly severe in a country like the UK which exports and imports about 30 per cent of its GDP. Experience here is a better guide than ideology. Overvaluation in 1925 was followed by six years of rising unemployment, and the move to a competitive rate in 1931 gave us a 2 per cent bank rate and five years of real growth from 1932 to 1937.

The end of over-valuation in 1949 made possible steady growth, 2 per cent or 3. per cent unemployment and balance of payments surpluses in the 1950s. With absurd overvaluation of the exchange rate in 1980 came the acute slump of 1981-3. The fall in the rate in 1985-6 was evidently the main cause of the temporary upturn in 1987-9. The story since we joined the ERM in 1990 speaks for itself.

Of course other pressures are always at work and longer-term remedies are needed; but deflationary forces of the strength let loose by the present rate overwhelm allothers. It is no good preaching at industry to be competitive if it is prevented from being so by a noncompetitive exchange rate: and few firms will invest if they cannot sell their product at home or abroad.

There is no guarantee that the deflationary tide will turn of its own accord. Each dismissal of 1,000 workers cuts their spending and so throws a further group out of work. Slumps in the past have seldom ended without very low interest rates or other drastic changes of policy.

With the present non-competitive exchange rate we are heading for three million unemployed or more. and a still further weakened economy. Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS JAY.

Causeway Cottage Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire.

. . . inflationary pressures and effect on manufacturing

From the Director-General of the CBI

Sir, Your leader, "A bad example" (March 23), drawing attention to the current inflationary pressures and industrial relations problems in Ger-many could not have been more timely. It was published on the day that the United Kingdom announced its best ever manufacturing export figures and when our inflation had just fallen below that of Germany for the first time in a generation (report, March 21).

The CBI has repeatedly drawn attention to the folly of seeking to

legislate an improved standard of living in a compentive world where people with comparable skills are willing to work for a small fraction of the wages considered acceptable in Western Europe. For too long on the Continent, the political attractions of promising something for nothing have outweighed these economic realities.

But the costs of what amounts. literally, to political irresponsibility are now becoming clearer - as the anti-government swing in the French regional elections (reports, March 23, 24) shows. Europe is steadily losing its share of world trade, and unemployment continues to rise - especially among young

Europe's employers are convinced that a statutory minimum wage and measures designed to create jobs by limiting working time will have precisely the opposite effects of those intended. That is why there is widespread support within business, and not just in the United Kingdom, for our rejection of the social chapter at Maastricht.

As a CBI report, Social Europe after Maastricht, to be published this week will make clear, in the United Kingdom a statutory minimum wage would and at least 150,000 people to unemployment, without making any significant

contribution to the problem of poverty. Of course, the freedom to compete can never amount to a licence to exploit. But without this freedom, we will simply not be creating the wealth needed to provide the social and other public services on which we all rely.

JOHN BANHAM. Confederation of British Industry, 103 New Oxford Street, WC1. March 24.

Yours faithfully,

From the President of the Labour Finance and Industry Group

Sir, Your leader criticising Labour's industrial policies (March 24) repeats a fallacy that has done enormous damage to the British economy during the 1980s: the idea, widely promoted by government ministers, that manufacturing is in some way archaic, and that it will in time be replaced by services.

The CBI pointed out recently that "ill-considered statements by government ministers in the early 1980s ... suggesting that the future of manufacturing industry in the UK did not matter, have been very damaging", and that recent statements have not yet "corrected the impression that government attaches little importance to UK manufacturing".

The fact is that most of the

successful economies of our time have invested heavily in manufacturing, have seen governments working with industry to support innovation and skills, and have used the strength of their traded goods sectors as engines of growth. They have grown while maintaining the share of manufacturing in national income. They have not devalued services but rather recognised that prosperous services grow best when manufacturing is thriving too.

If the UK's poor record on manufacturing — which has brought the worst record in the European Community since 1979 on employment, output and investment - had not coincided with a poor overall economic performance and the worst growth rate under any government since the war, your argument might have more credibility. Instead the neglect of manufacturing has left us all poorer, whether or not we are directly employed in manufacturing.

The importance of modern manufacturing is central to Labour's message and this is why it now proposes a tax credit for research and development and the kinds of technology-transfer organisations that have proved so successful in Germany and elsewhere.

Britain was the only EC country

last year to experience negative growth. No amount of bluster by the government can deny this fact. It is no longer convincing for newspapers like The Times to denounce Labour for promoting policies on technology, on skills, on industrial partnership and even on the social charter, when they have proved successful in

the rest of Europe.

Nor is it convincing to drum up fears of an overvalued exchange rate when there are no signs of Tory proposals to devalue; fears of higher interest rates when Conservative governments have consistently brought higher interest rates than Labour governments: or fears of higher direct costs when many of Labour's proposals for tax incentives would cut costs for business.

The truth is that the Conservative experiment has failed. The sooner Britain faces up to that fact the better for everyone.

Yours sincerely, GREGSON, President, Labour Finance and Industry Group, Star House, Grafton Road, NW5.

March 24.

Manifestos for all From Mr Nigel Raffety From Mr Stephen Jakobi

Sir, It surprises me that copies of manifestos have to be requested from each party or sought, with apparent difficulty, in the newsagents. Surely these important documents should be sent directly to every person on the electoral register. I would suggest their layout should be identical, in clear and perhaps abbreviated form, enabling immediate comparison of the essential policies and intentions of the main political parties; and, indeed, the means by which these proposals are to be financed.

As every prospective shareholder of a new company would expect a copy of its prospectus, why should not every prospective voter receive, as a matter of course, a clear and understandable manifesto, or contract to vote, on which to base their decision? Yours faithfully, NIGEL RAFFETY,

34 Kensington Church Street, W8.

Warnings by Major

From Mr Alan B. Grant

Sir. Trying to turn Mr Kinnock's 1983 speech against him Mr Major has said (report, March 20) that in the event of a Labour government "I warn you not to be ambitious. I warn you not to be qualified. I warn you not to be successful."

A letter to you (also March 20) from the president of the Association of Consultant Architects reported that redundancies during the last two years amongst qualified archi-tects appeared at a conservative estimate to be 12,600 out of a total number of 40,000. Perhaps, as a result. Mr Major will appreciate the irony of his statement. I doubt if those redundant architects will. Yours faithfully,

A. B. GRANT, 27 Woodfield Hill, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Foreign policy issues

Sir, Now that there may be a televised debate between the main political foreign affairs spokesmen (report, March 14), perhaps a small part of it could be spent in discussing the priorities to be given to vital consular activities within the Foreign Office and their place in our relations with other countries.

There is a danger that the debate will otherwise be confined to the political side, concentrating on such fashionable and indeed praiseworthy human rights issues as the plight of the Kurds or the trials of Chinese dissidents.

Since mid-February, when those of us interested in various cases of injustice involving British citizens banded together to form Fair Trials Abroad, we have found an almost universal neglect of the most important consular function of all that of protecting the rights of our citizens to basic justice, even by the most primitive standards.

The public appear to be under the impression that if they should suffer an injustice whilst travelling abroad our government would go to all practicable lengths to right the wrong and get them home. To those of us with practical experience, the gap between public expectation and actual performance is a disgrace. Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN JAKOBI, Jakobi & Co (Solicitors), Swedenborg House, 21 Bloomsbury Way, WC1.

From Mr Julian Amery

Sir. It is widely held that "abroad" has little impact on the outcome of general elections. Having fought in every previous campaign since 1945 (plus a by-election) I would dispute this. No doubt economic and social issues are the bread and butter of every campaign but, in my experience, the activists have been greatly stirred by issues abroad and the media have found them easier to dramatise. Is there a foreign affairs issue before the electorate today?

Former President Nixon has recently dropped a blockbuster into the endless and so far very tedious American campaign. He claims (report, March 14) that the West has won the Cold War against communism but could easily lose the peace if it fails to give urgently needed support to President Yeltsin. Russia, he argues, is still a first-class military power equipped with nuclear weapons.

If, under the stress of hunger and unemployment, Russia turned to a nationalist dictator this could present the West with major problems. More than that, it could make dictatorship fashionable again for other countries struggling to free themselves from the consequences of communism.

In Washington, Secretary James Baker has conferred with Senators Luger and Nunn. They are said to have fallen in with Mr Nixon's view. The Washington Post has called on President Bush to give the lead. If he does he will try to enlist the help of Europe and Japan in a major effort, a Marshall aid type of effort, to give support to President Yeltsin's Russia and the other democracies of Eastern Europe. This will not be cost free.

How should Britain respond? How would Churchill have reacted? I believe it is the duty of a Conservative government to give clear support to such an initiative. Even perhaps to give a lead to President Bush. The vision of an expanded Europe is central to our foreign policy. What view will the Labour and

Liberal Democrat leaders take? Let Mr Major give the lead. The country can then see how the others respond. Yours faithfully, JULIAN AMÉRY, 112 Eaton Square, SW1.

Labour challenge on art exports

From Mr Mark Fisher

Sir. Your leading article of February 29, in which the government was urged to "do something" to clear up the confusion the minister for the arts' statements have caused in relation to art exports, still awaits a

response from the government. On the same day the minister, Mr Tim Renton, wrote to you insisting that, in spite of his enthusiasm for "a list of very important items" which "could be prohibited from export" he still had an open mind. Surely it is time that he made clear the way in which any future Conservative gov-

ernment would act? In government, the Labour party would reject any listing system, which we believe is bureaucratic. arbitrary and a wholly unnecessary and artificial convention in the

We accept the view of the reviewing committee on the export of works of art that there is little wrong with the existing Waverley system that could not be solved by increased purchasing grants for the national galleries and museums, and we would unfreeze their purchasing grants, which have not been increased by the present government

since 1985. We would positively encourage private treaty sales by owners and national galleries and museums by promoting the existing fiscal advantages of such sales. We would not impose any upper limit on the reserve available for accepting works of art in lieu of capital-transfer and inheritance tax, unlike the present minister who, in the 1992 report from the Office of Arts and Libraries (para 3.3), breaks with past practice and imposes a limit of £10 million. The minister has fuelled the uncertainty and confusion of owners and galleries by suggesting subsequently that we did not really mean

A response from the minister would be appreciated by all those who value our artistic heritage and wish to see an early return of confidence in policies of any future government.

Yours faithfully, MARK FISHER (Shadow minister for arts and media). Pioneer House, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. March 24.

Trainee solicitors

From Mr Andrew Phillips Sir. Frances Gibb (March 9) reports that substantially more than 50 per cent of trainee solicitors wish to train with central London firms, with a further 31 per cent looking to the large (more commercial) provincial firms, thus leaving only a paucity aiming for general, or high street.

practices. No doubt this is explicable largely in terms of the relative collapse of legal aid remuneration, the decline in conveyancing fees and, withall, a commercialisation in professional attitudes which causes public need to be largely overlooked.

Against a background of incessant law-making that trend is profoundly self-damaging. The common law is becoming common only in its in-accessibility — intellectual as well as financial - to a swelling swathe of

the public. No one should be surprised if the disaffection to which this contributes is reflected in soaring crime statis-tics. We are still a long way from enabling our young people to achieve a viable degree of competence and self-confidence vis-a-vis the law. Yours truly.

ANDREW PHILLIPS (Chairman), The Citizenship Foundation. 63 Charterhouse Street, EC1. March 23.

Wrong address

From Mr A. H. Sykes

Sir, In his television review (March 20) of Israel: A Nation Is Born, Mr Daniel Johnson refers, mistakenly, to Abba Eban as "Oxford educated" On a previous occasion in the USA Mr Eban was congratulated upon his Oxford accent, to which he

replied: "I would have you know that I went to Cambridge — but in public life you must expect to be smeared.". Yours faithfully, A. H. SYKES. Walthwaite How,

Chapel Stile, Ambleside, Cumbria. March 25.

Too long in the tooth

From the Chief Executive of the -Health Education Authority

Sir, Punch - long decayed and soon to be extracted, widely read but rarely bought, a victim perhaps of the nation's improved dental health (report, March 25)? What next, I

wonder: Country Life. The Field? Yours sincerely, SPENCER HAGARD, Chief Executive, Health Education Authority. Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WCI.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 25: His Excellency Dr José Antonio Correa and Schora de Correa were received in farewell audience by The Queen upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Ecuador to the Court of St James's.
Mr Andrew Bache was received. in audience by The Queen and

kissed hands upon his appoint-ment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Bucharest. Her Majesty.

Mrs Bache was also received by The Queen today received Fellows participating in the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship Scheme to promote Commonwealth Understanding, Sir Richard Luce (Chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation) and Mr Inoke Falerau (Director)

were in attendance. The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson at the Service of Thanks-giving for the Life of Sir General Sir Dudley Ward, formerly Sir Dudley Ward, formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, which was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3,

today. **CLARENCE HOUSE** March 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Army Corps, was present this morning at a Service of Thanksgiving and

Farewell to the Corps in Guildford Cathedral. Her Majesty honoured the Corps with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess, Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford. In the afternoon Queen Eliza-beth The Queen Mother took the Salute at the final Parade of the

Women's Royal Army Corps.
Dame Frances CampbellPreston, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams KENSINGTON PALACE March 25: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10 Bucking-ham Gate, London SW1.

His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the "Rediscovering Pompeii" Exhibition at the Today's royal

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given by the directors of the Savoy Group of Hotels and Restaurants.

engagements

Accademia Italiana, Rutland Gate, London SW7. Miss Belinda Harley was in KENSINGTON PALACE

March 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Girl Guides Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides. The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 25: The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Educational Corps. today visited Germany. Her Royal Highness opened the new extension of Windsor School. Rheindahlen. Later The Duchess of Gloucester received, from the Mayor, the Freedom of Spandau

Centre and subsequently visited the Centre at Smuts Barracks, Major Nicholas Barne and Miss Suzanne Marland were in

on behalf of 46 Army Education

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March 25: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Tudor Webasto Limited, Minworth Trading Estate, Minworth, and Wesleyan Assurance Society, Colmore Cir-

cus. Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

His Royal Highness later visited Godiva Limited, Charles Street, Warwick, and was received by Captain Charles Beaumont

Fetherston-Dilke (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire). Captain the Hon Tom Coke The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant, the Women's Royal Army Corps, today at-tended a Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell to the Corps in Guildford Cathedral followed by

a Parade at the Queen Elizabeth Park, Guildford. Her Royal Highness then attended a luncheon in the Officers' Mess

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in



Rear-admiral E Maclean, Major-General F R Davies (colonel, The King's Regiment) with Major F R Baker (regimental secretary) and Mrs Baker, Major C L Pape (regimental secretary). The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment) and Mrs Pape, Major-General J Boyne (colonel commandant, REME) with Major-General D Shaw (representative colonel commandant) and Colonel A G-Plan (regimental colonel; Leutenant-Colonel M G C Amiot (commanding officer, Sth/fth Kings) and Mrs Amiot with Colonel I Paterson (bonorary colonel) and Mrs Paterson; Mr M M Wheeler, QC, and Mrs Wheeler, Mr F G Canchpole (president, Woodbridge Golf Cmb).

Mr and Mrs R W Aston, Lieurenant-Colonel and Mrs B W Ayres, Lieutensen-Colonel R G R Chillon, Major-General D G T HOCSford, Lieurenan-Colonel F H J Higgins, Major-General and Mrs H A Lascelles, Mr and Mrs F L Meryon, Air Commodors J L, Mitchell, Colonel and Mrs J N Shipster, Miss N Spurway and Mr H Williamson.

Major-General Sir John

A service of thanksgiving for the

life of Major-General Sir John Bates was held yesterday at St

Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

The Rev David Burgess, Chaplain to the Haberdashers' Company,

the Haberdashers' Company, read the lesson and General Sir

Harry Tuzo gave an address.

Lady Bates (widow), Mr and Mrs Jonathan Bates and Mr and Mrs william Bates gans and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Robert Johnston (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Erlin Bates, Mrs Emily Sates, Mrs Edwina Bates, Rebecca Johnston and Katie Johnston

Shermanbury, West Sussex, gunmaker and landowner, left

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estate equally between the Friends of King Edward VII Hospital

Midhurst, the Gun and Allied Trades Benevolent Society and

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Mr Frederick Bowman John

Among others present were:

Mr D.E.K. Elliott, Master of

Bates

pictured below, author, dramatist and principal drama critic of The Times 1926-39, was unveiled yesterday on his former home at Campden Hill Square. Kensington. Sir Alistair Grant, the present owner of the house and a collector of Morgan's work, unveiled the plaque. From left: Mr Roger Morgan (son), the Marchioness of Anglesey (daughter), Lady Grant, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, and Sir Alistair Grant



The Rev Maurice Turner, Vicar, Leaton and Albrighton w. Battle-field (Lichfield): to retire as from 30 April.

new members was held yesterday at the Royal College of Physicians of London. Dr Edith Cooke and Dr Samuel John Machin were admitted as honorary members.

DEATHS

Clergy retirements and

The Rev John Loveland, Priest-incharge, Draytong (Oxford): to retire as from 19 April.

The Rev Canon Gordon Rose, Rector, Bishopstoke (Winchester): to retire as from end of June. The Rev Ian Teesdale, Team Vicar, Our Lady and St Nicholas,

Pier Head (Liverpool): has

Lecture

Professor Albert James Smith, of Whiteparish, Wiltshire, professor of English at Southampton University 1974-90, left estate Lord Northbrook, of East Strat-ton, Winchester, Hampshire, local health authority chairman, left estate valued at £30,863,487 valued at £159.005 net. Mr Bernard Eustace Chaplin, of

Latest wills

Mr Elijah Alec Colman, of London W1, property developer responsible for the Piccadilly Plaza in Manchester, left estate valued at £3,565,440 net. Mr Richard Sebastian Maynard

General Sir Dudley Ward

The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Dudley Ward held yesterday at the Royal Hospital Cheisea. The Rev Tom Hiney officiated.

Colonel Sir Geoffrey Errington

read the lesson and Lieutenant-

General Sir John Wilsey, Colonel

of The Devonshire and Dorset

of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, gave an address. Others present included:
Lady Ward (widow), for and Mrs W E Whithout Boot-in-law and daughter), Mr P W Whithout, Mr and Mrs A D Whithout and Mr and Mrs A D Whithout and Mr and Mrs R J Charleman (grandchildren), Professor and Mrs A G Ward (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Donald Scott and Leutenan-Colonel and Mrs R K Chater (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs Chyl Griffiths, Mrs A Bulgin, Mrs W J Brown.

Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Wynford, Lady Errington, Sir Joshua Rowley (Lord Lieutenant of Suffolio, Lieutenant) of South General Sir James and Lady Scott, General Sir James and Lady

Wynford, Lady Errington, Sir Jessuns Rowley (Lord Lieutenant of Suffolt, Lieutenant-Loisonel Sir James and Lady Scott, General Sir Roland Gdy (gopernor, Royal Hospital Chelsea, also representing the Anny Benevolent Fund and the Corps of Commissionalirs), General Sir Charles Herington, General Sir William Jackson, General Sir John and Lady Mogg. General Sir John and Lady Mogg. General Sir John and Lady Read, Air Chief Marshel Sir David Evans (Order of the Sath) and Lady Hong, Leutenant-General Sir William and Lady Hitc. Henny and Lady Least, Lieutenant-General Sir William and Lady Pike, Lieutenant-General Sir William and Lady Lagsley, Sir Ronald Melville, Sir Richard and Lady Way, Lady Wilsey, Lady Anderson, Loane Ann Bryans (British Red Cross Society).

Walker, of Holland Park, London, left estate valued at £3,989,623 net. He left £100.000 each to Crusaid and Music in Country Churches. Mr Robert John Goble, of Oxford, harpsichord maker, left estate valued at £334,991 net.

Major Charles Michael Smiley, of Chelsea, left estate valued at 12,122,451 net. Mrs Marie-Therese Henriette Cox, of Mariow, Buckingham-

Bourne, ...£2,441,564. Gibbous, of Lincolnshire. Mr Ben Kogan, of Hampstead, Major Donald Struan Robertson, Berkshire.. Winkfield.£1,735,590. of

£2,680,112 net.

tax paid):

Norman (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Judge Stroyan, QC, and Mrs Stroyan, Mr Andrew Norman, Miss Henriette Johnston, Mrs J Brooks, Mrs Norma Nicholson.

Sir John and Lady Weich, General Sir Edward Burgess (also representing Master Genner, St James'; Parid, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward How-ard-tyse, Alderman Sir Christopher Collett, Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, Sir John Peel, Sir Robin Brook, Lady Tuzo, Lady (Richard) Vincent. Major-General Michael Tennant Director Royal Artillery, Brigadier Daries Wright (Royal Military College (Science), Brigadier Peter Painter toyal Artillery Institution), Brigadier inney Robertson and Colonel David um (Michael

Charles Wright (Royal Milliany College of Science), Brigadler Peter Painter (Royal Artillery Institution), Brigadler Steiner (Royal Artillery Institution), Brigadler Stidney Robertson and Colonel David Sime (vice-presidents, National Artillery Association) and Mrs Sime; Colonel Terry Message and Colonel Roger Syles (100 Field Regiment, Ra), Major John Braisby (editor, Gunner), the Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company, let Maris (frommongers' Company), Mr Tony Appleton (clerk, Constructors' Company), Mr Patrick Gardiner (Thomson Regional Newspapers), Mr David R. Shedden (managing director, Trinity International Holdings), Mr M W D Northcott (Hogg Rothrison), Mr Eeth Dawson (headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, Eistree), Miss Joan Kirby (representing Haberdashers' Aske's School, Harcham).

School, Hancham).

Major-General R Staveley, Major-General Peter Glover, Major-General Tony Richardson, Major-General Desmond Gordon, Major-General Desmond Gordon, Major-General Desmonder, Major-General and Mrs Leo Piummer, Major-General and Mrs Leo Piummer, Major-General and Mrs Michael Tominson, Major-General Peter Bonnet, Major-General Peter Bonnet, Major-General Peter Bonnet, Major-General J E Cordingley, Air Commodore Philippa Marshall, Colonel and Mrs E Emington-Hobbs, the Rev Basil Watson, the Rev John Draper. Mr David Thomas, Mrs Philip Tower, Mr Howard Davies, Mr and Mrs R E Liddlard, Mr Ken Peters, Miss Barbara Runt and Mrs Annie Dunster.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Air Force MOD 23.3.92.
WING COMMANDER: P 8 Akehurs: - to
MOD D Spi (Pol) 23.3.92; J Inzard - to
HORAFSC 23.3.92; R C Owen - to MOD
ACDS (Con) 23.3.92; S R C Dougherry 85 OC RAC ICOM Halton 23.3.92; M F
Coe - to HQ 16p 23.3.92; M J Fuller - to
ATCEB Stawbury 23.2.93; R J Colver to SACLANT USA 24.3.92; T G Hanlon 100 NEFMA Munich 25.3.92.

Dinner

The Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale presided at a dinner of the Families for Defence Patrons Club held last night at the House of Lords. Mr Merrill Waters, Head of Nuclear Planning, Nato, was the guest speaker.

Woman sheriff

The first woman high sheriff of Devon was sworn in yesterday.Mrs Elizabeth Eden, of Longdown. Exeter, was nomi-nated three years ago

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Konrad von Gesner. physician, Zurich, 1516: Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, physicist, co-founder of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Woburn, Massachusetts, 1753; William Edward Lecky, historian, Newton Park, co Dub lin, 1838; George Smith, Assyriologist, London, 1840; A. E. Housman, poet and scholar, Fockbury, Worcestershire, 1859; Robert Frost, poet, San Fran-cisco, 1874; Tennessee Williams, dramatist, Columbus, Mississippi. 1911.

DEATHS: Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect, London, dramatist and architect, London, 1726; Ludwig van Beethoven. Vienna, 1827; Walt Whitman, poet, Camden, New Jersey, 1892; Cecil Rhodes, prime minister of Cape Colony 1890-96, Muizenberg, South Africa, 1902; Sarah Bernhandt, actress. Paris, 1923; David Lland George Le South Food David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd George of Dwylor, prime minister 1916-22, Ty Newydd, 1945; Max Ophuls, film director, Hamburg, 1957; Raymond Chandler, detective story writer, La Jolla, California, 1959; Sir Noel Coward, St Mary, Jamaica, 1973.

The first cremation in England at Woking, Surrey, 1886.

Harrow School

Scholarships 1992 The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded: Academic Scholarships
Head Master's Scholarship: Robert A.D.
Leeming, Caldicon. Farnham Royal.
Geotfrey Simmonds Scholarship: Robert W.E. Butler, Caldicott. Farnham
Royal.
Green Scholarship: Henry C.
Guest, Cothill House, Ablingdon.
L.C. Wilson Scholarship: Constantine
Faterres, Millbourne Lodge School.
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cuest, Comul House, Abingdon. LC. Wilson Scholarship: Constantine Pateras. Milibourne Lodge School, Esber; Edward H.T. Attwood, Summer Fields, Oxford. Clifford Smith Scholarship: Heston J. Orchard, St. Petroc's School, Bude.

Hills.
Stanhope Exhibitioner: Perer R.S. Bryant, Edge Grove School, Aidenham.
Toby Green Exhibitioner: C. Edward
Iyon, Malst School, Cross Hills.
Eugene Crement Exhibitioner: Alexander J. Gifford, Oriey Parm School,
Harrow.

Nivison Exhibitioner: Jeremy C. Preece, The Pilgrem's School, Winchester. Puller Mairiand Scholarship: Tristan D. Clarke, Dujwich College Prep School, Coursehorn, Cranbrook, Henry V. Badgez, Rokeby School, Ringston.

Music Scholarships
L.C. Wilson Scholarship: Steven C.C.
Zee, Qualmon Hall, Harrow,
Head Massier's Scholarship: Peter J.
May, Westminster Abbey Choir School,
Domus Ethibitioner: Peter A. Enskat,
Brambietye, East Grinstead.

marriages

Forthcoming

Mr A.J. Claxton and Miss J.E. Gleave The engagement is announced between Andrew James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Claxion, of Elmwood, Welwyn, Garden City, and Juliet Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gleave, of Abernant House,

Montgomeryshire. Mr G.M. Collic

and Miss N. Farrad The engagement is announced between George Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs George F Collie, of Morkeu. Cuits. Aberdeen, and Narguess, daughter of the late Colonel Aman Farzad and of Mrs Farzad. of Tehran.

Mr A.W. Fitzpatrick and Miss H.F. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Fitzpatrick, of Rayleigh, Essex, and Heien, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Cooper. of Learnington Spa. Warwickshire.

Mr C.E.H. Guinness and Miss A.M. Cubitt

The engagement is announced between Christopher Edward Howard, elder son of Sir Howard and Lady Guinness. of Sherborne. Dorset, and Alicia Mary, daughter of Mr Barrington Cubitt, of Kintbury. Berkshire, and Mrs Martin Dean, of Usk. Gwent. Mr S.C.C. Hare

and Miss H.J.S. Clayton The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs J.A. Hare, of Fulham, London, and Henrietta. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Clayton, of East Lavington, West Sussex.

Captain M.P. Hay and Cantain H.C.E. Livesay The engagement is announced between Captain Michael Hav. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's). younger son of Sheriff Principal and Mrs R.C. Hay, of Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, and Captain Harriet Livesay. Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, elder daughter of Admiral Sir Michael and Lady Livesay, of Strathallan. Perthshire.

Dr A. Kahane and Miss G.E.J. Calvert-Lee

The engagement is announced between Ahuvia, son of Professor R. Kahane, of Jerusalem, and Mrs O. Bar-Am, of Tel Aviv. and Georgina, daughter of the late Mr J. Calvert-Lee and of Mrs J Burgin, of Ravensthorpe. Mr N.G. Page and Miss M.E. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tim Page. of Cirencester, and Moira, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Chris Wilson, of Ealing, West London Mr C.J. Sharp and Miss L.J. Powell

The engagement is announced between Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Sharp, of Broadway. Worcestershire. and Lisa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Vernon Powell, of Ashton under Hill, Worcestershire.

Mr A.W. Willis and Miss H.L. Mason The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs A. Willis, of Bath, and Helen. daughter of the late Mr Keith Mason and of Mrs Jennifer Mason, of Corsham, Wilrship

Mr P.H. Wal and Miss J.E. Payne The engagement is announced between Peter Hugh, elder son of Little Saxham, Bury St Edmunds

Mr and Mrs John Wolton, of Suffolk, and Joanna Elizabeth. elder daughter of Mr Gilmour Payne, of Bridgwater, Somerset, and Mrs Charles Barday, of Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire

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People see this but give it no thought: they do not lay to heart the truth, that those whom God has chosen enjoy his grace and mercy, and this hoty people. Wisdom of Solomon 4: 15 (REB) BIRTHS

BUTTERWORTH - On Monday March 23rd.

Descefully al Frimley Park
Hospital. Gladys inte
Drydenl. Darting wife of
Harliey, devoted and much
loved mother, grandmother
and stater. Funeral Service at
All Salnis Church. Fieet, at
2pm Tuesday March 31st.
followed by private crema. AHERN - On March 10th 1992, to Maria (nee Savvides) and Terry, a son, Terence James. BOYDELL - On March 21st in Lyons, France, to Fatemet and Philip, a daughter, Roxanne BRUNTON - On March 22nd and Geoffrey, a Natasha

CROWTHER - On Sunday
March 22nd 1992.
peacefully at her home. In
her declining years, aged 96
years. Sara Lilian, 64 years
at iter. Buckinghamshire.
hattine of Oosett. West
Yorkshire Wife of the late
William Crowther and
beloxed mother of Michael.
Funeral Service at Si
Leonard's Church. Richings
Park. on Tuesday March
31st at 1 pm followed by
cremation. No flowers
please. Donalions, if desired.
to the Fabric Fund. St Peler's
Church, Iver. io Heather and Geoffrey, a daughier.
Josephine
CONNICK - On Thursday
March 19th, to Denise thee
Leigh) and David, a son.
Andrew Jonathan, brother
for Ashley Robert
DICKENSON - On March
24th, to Bridget Birse and
Regan, a daughier, Kalherine
Fabernne. LACE - On March 18th, to Su and Peter, a son, Joshus James, a brother for Thomas,

Thomas,
IENDELSSOHN - On March
23rd, to Emma thee
Williamsi and Martin, a
daughter, Imogen Diana, a
sister for Jack. EBSUTT - On Wednesday
March 25th, after much
suffering, Michael Chen eland
Ebbuil. of Westfield. E
Sussex and formerly of
Limpsfield and Croydon.
Funeral Service at St Peter's
Church. Limpsfield. on
Thursday April 2nd at 1 pm.
Family flowers only Enquiries and donalions for St
Michael's Hospite to Ebbuil
Funeral Service, High Street. **NEWBIGGING -** On March 14th, to Linda inec Parrotti and Bruce, a daughier Catherine Cella OLIVER - On March 24th. a

Poole Materiuly Hospital, to Germaine (nee O'Connell) and Nicholas, a girl, Jessira Maeve, a sister for Clara POPE - On March 21st, at Winchester, to Catherine and Challenberg, and autobar POPPLEWELL - On March 24th. to Salty user Brunning) and Alex. a daughter. Victoria Charlotte Elizabeth SEAVILL - On March 214. to Krisla user Alvarezi and Herfor: a 40n. Miles Robert Stuart

THOMASSON - On March 21si, to Virginia (nec Ley) and Sam, a son, Laurie Francis
WHARRAM - On March
19th. to Susan (nee Forda)
and Jonathan, a daughter.
Caroline Rose, a sister for
Thomas

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

BOOTH:EVANS - On March 26th 1932, al Toxteth Tabernarie, Liverpool, William Robert Booth to Ann

Anne Celestine Burke, lately of Killma Klu, Kenya Ser-vice in the Pentland Chapel at Morionhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Wednesday April 1st 1992 at 315 pm Memorial Service to be held in Natrobi Cathedral, Kenya, DEATHS in Natrobi Cathedral, Kenya, following interment of sahes in Langate Cemeters - date to be announced. No flowers. Donations in lieu to Westhaugh Centre, Newbridge, Edinburgh EH28 dl.A. BATTLEY - On March 25th, peacefully in Tunbridge Wells, Elaine Bunny' (nee Try III Briggs) Much loved

Mrs S.G. Hodson The funeral of Mrs Susanna Grace Hodson, BD, widow of Bishon Mark Hodson, took place on Tuesday, March 24, 1992, in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Winchester. The Celebrant was the Vice-

Funeral

the centenary of the Association of Lancastrians in London. Dean, Canon Roger Job, and the address was given by the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Mark Santer. The Epistle was read by Mr Stephen Pryor, nephew, and the Gospel by the Pactor of St. Farmance with St. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to mark the 70th anniversary of the Greater London Fund for the Rector of St Lawrence with St Swithun, Winchester, the Rev David Scott The Rev William The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust, will visit the Pryor, nephew, led the oravers Work, Sport and Leisure seminar by the Rev John Pangbourne. day Centre, Caister-on-Sea, at

Royal College of Physicians Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award A ceremony for the admission of

tend a reception and dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 7.00

losed mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Fleet, at 2pm Tuesday March 31st. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to

Red Cross Centre, Clarence Road, Fleet, Enquiries to A & W Goddard, Kent Road, Fleet, (c): (0252) 616431.

Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield (0883) 713767

GAGNEUX - On March 5th. In

London aiter a courageous battle, André Marcel Auguste

aged 83 years, dear brother of Marie-Therese, beloved father of Chaire and step father of Shonni. The funeral look place on March 17th

Institution of Mechanical Engineers Professor Brian Culshaw, Profes-

sor of Electronics at Strathclyde University, delivered the John Player lecture to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers yesterday at the institution. Professor Tom Patten, president, was in the chair.

shire - Molly Cox, producer of children's programmes for BBC Television - left estate valued at £222,994 net.

DEATHS PERKIRS - On March 24th, peacefully, Maurine, Much loved sister of Francis. Funeral Service on Monday March 30th at Pulney Vale Crematorium at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to beloved husband of the late Allien and faller of Charles.

r0273) 418464.

McCULLOCH - On March 24th 1992, after a short sliness borne with great courage and fatth. Malcolm James, aged 65 years, much loved husband of Pam and father to Fiona, Linda, Julia. Anita and Lorna, also a dear grandfather and father-inlaw. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Church. Tumbridge Wells, on Monday March 30th at 10 30 am Fausity flowers only. Donations if desired to Hospice at Home. C/o J Kempster & Sons. 2° & 4 Aiblon Road. Tumbridge Wells

1992, pearefully at a nursing home in Hove after an illness borne with great courage. John Maurice McClean of Worthing. An affectionate brother, uncle and friend. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Tuesday.

remainment of working Crematorium on Tuesday March 31st al 12.20 pm. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Baker & Sons. 60 Church Road. Portstade, lel: 10273) 418464.

Tunbridge Wells
NORFOLK - On Monday
March 25rd. Patricia Nina
inter Sennetti, peacefully at
home. Dearly for ed mother
of David and Elizabeth,
grandma of Annie and
James, sister of Joan Private
cremation at Norwich on
Tuesday March 31st,
followed by a Service of
Thanksgiving at St Mary's
Church, Diss at 2 pm. Family
flowers only Donations to
Diss Social for the Blind, c/o
Rarkham's Funeral Service.

HELLER - On March 24th. Suddenly at home. (Fritz) Peter, aged 81 Forever beloved husband of Ruth and adored father of Jonathan. Funeral on Tuesday March 31st Enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, (081) 650-0304 JOYCE - On March 25th 1992, peacefully and with great courage at Hawick Cottage Hospital, Scotland.

PERKINS - Op March 2eutpeacefully, Maurine, Muchloved sister of Francis.
Funeral Service on Monday
March 30th at Pulney Vale
Crematorium at 2.30 pm. No
flowers. Donations to
Moortieds Eye Hospital.
Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon
(071) 937-0757.

Sianley Road. Diss. Norfolis

ORDE - On Tuesday March
24th 1992, peacefully in
hospital, John Orde C.B.E.,
in his 92nd year, of
Littlehoughton Hall.
Almykk Murch hoved
husband of the late Chartotte
Lillan, father of John,
Ocoffrey and Denis,
Grandfather and great
grandfather and great
grandfather. Service at
Howick Church,
Northumbertand, on Monday March 30th at 1; 15 am,
followed by cremation at
Cowpen Bigth at 1 pm
Family flowers only

PATTISON - On March 20th

PATTISON - On March 20th, aged 80. on holiday in Portugal. Leonard George roringal. Leinard George (Pati, beloved husband of Peggy and father of Rea and Mark. Funeral Service on Thursday April 2nd at 2 pm at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donalions. If wished, in his memory in The Wildfawil

1071) 937-0767.

Pil.GRIM - On March 19th
1992, tragically, near Dover.
In a car accident, Angelique,
aged 28. Much beloved
daughter of Pauline and
granddaughter of Joey.
Angelique will be much
missed by all who knew her.
Funeral Service at noon on
March 31st at Holy Trinity
Church, Winchmore Hill,
London.

ROGERS - On March 21st

London. - On March 21st 1992, suddenly at home in Arundel. Diane Anne. aged 61. 37 years the wife and longer the beloned friend of David. Requiem. Arundel Cathedral Tuesday March 31st at 10 am. Cut flowers only or donations to St Willind's Hospice may be sent c/o F.A. Holisand & Son. Terminus Rd., Littlehampton tel (19903) 713939.

tel (19903) 713939.

SHIRLAW - On March 15th, Dr. Gerald Bertram. after a long lilness Dearly loved and loving husband of Barbara-father of Julie, Siephen and Andrew and father-in-law of Maria. Former MD and Founder of Claso France. Author. volunteer with the International Brigade and R A.M.C. Major. He wanted the best for everybody.

SMITH - On March 23rd, pearefully at her home at Highpate. Moity inee whitings, aged 85 years Wife of the late Frank O.M. Smith. Funeral Service at St. Manylebone. Crematorium, Finchley, N.Z. on March 51st at noon Family flowers only

Mary-tebone Crematorium, Finchley, N2, on March 31st al noon Family, flowers only to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 1 Denmark Terrare. N2 Donations, if desired to Tower Theatre, Canonbury Place, London N1 2NO - SOUIRES - On March 23rd 1992, after a long illness. Afred Sidney Jimi, aged 72. of Crowborough. Sussex A dear gentle man, toxed by his wife Betty and children Jennifer. Nicholas and Gavin, ilked by Fawria his daughter-in-law, grandpa of Sarah Respected by many. VAN LOO - On March 23rd, suddenly at home in sight of her Golden Wedding, Margol, beloved wife of Gerald, a loving mother of Adrian and John, and devoted grandmother of Matihew, Peter. Benedict, Magdalena, Francis and Entile Requiem Mass at St Joweph's Church. River View. Stuffy, near Canterbury, on Wednesday April 1st at 10am, followed by private cremation Flowers, if wished, to C.W. Lyons & Son, 70 Military Road, Canterbury, let: 0227) 463508 by March 31st

beloved husband of the late Alison and father of Charles and Forbes. Funeral Service at Christ Church. Long Hanbarough. at 2 pm on Tuesday March 31st. Flowers to Green & Co.. 21 High Street. Eynsham. Oxford. (0865) 890837

WILLIAMS - On March 23rd 1992, at home. Harold Llewelyn, aged 64 years, much loved husband of Jean, much lot ed husband of Jean, always remembered by family and friends. Formerly with U.A.C. International Lid in the Gambia and Nigeria. Fumeral Service at Pulney Vale Crematorium SW15. Ipm April 1st 1992. Flowers or donallons if desired for 1513/2 2000. ipm April 1st 1992. Flowers or donallons if desired for LELKA 2000 FUND Leukarmia Researchi c/o Fredk. W Paine, 266 Ewell Road. Surbilon. Surrey KT6 7AA, let. (081) 399-2060

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE SUTTLE - Judith Mary, died 26th March 1991 Remembered with love and gratifude. LEGAL NOTICES

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AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1996 NOTICE IS HEREST GIVEN that John Donald Coleman and David Alan Reight of SI. Partity House, Warwick Lone, London, ECAP 48M, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company on 18th March 1992 Creditors are required on or before 1st May 1992 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debis to the liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the ilquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the ilquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the ilquidators.

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iors, and, if so required by notice in vertiles from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 19th day of March 1992 Dat to Allan Robb. Joint Liquidator

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(a) A long footless stocking, fashionable in the chilly Middle Ages, now back in fashion in university towns, but called leg-warmers, from the Gaelic mogan: "They came into the place in their moggans at night, quiet as ghosts."

(b) To cry or bellow, said of a back at rutting time, from the OF trut, a Norman agricultural and venatorial interjection used for arging on hunting, dogs, asses, sheep, etc. "He groans and troats, as a Hart belleth." FOSTERLEAN

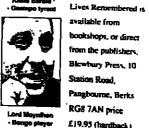
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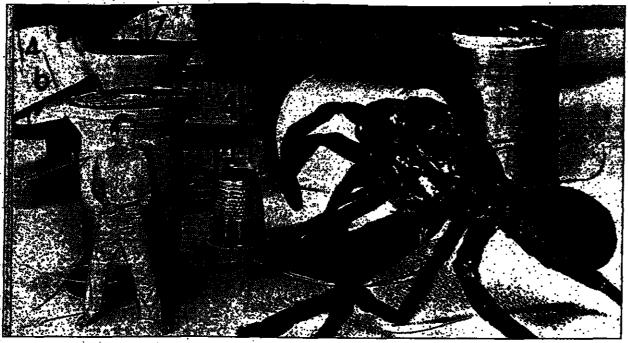
JACK ARNOLD

Jack Arnold, American film director best known for such science-fiction classics as Creature From the Black Lagoon and The Incredible Surinking Man, died on March 17 in Woodland Hills, Califor-

nia, aged 75. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on October 14, 1916.

FOR a handful of years in the mid-Fifties, Jack Arnold reigned supreme in American science-fiction cinema. It Came From Outer Space featured 3-D aliens landing in the Arizona desert and assuming the identities of nearby townsfolk; in Creature From the Black Lagoon, another 3-D jaunt, a jungle expedition deep in the Amazon tumbled upon the Gill Man, a prehistoric throw-back. Giant tarantulas gobbled up the countryside in Tarantula; while in The Incredible Shrinking Man. Arnold's most memorable film, a human cowered in his basement, shrunk by radioactivity until even a spider dwarfed him.

Such films, all made for Universal, suffered the indifferent acting and dialogue common to the genre. But Arnold boasted two supreme gifts that lifted his work clear of the rut: a strong visual eye. and a sober temperament that always sought to paint the improbable in realistic hues. In It Came From Outer Space (1953), his second feature, Arnold conjured an eerie spell from the bleak sand and scrub, and refused to succumb to cheap 3-D stunts. The Southwestern deserts, just a few hours' drive from



Shrinking man, above, dwarfed by a spider and, right, the Gill Man in The Creature from the Black Lagoon

Hollywood, soon became a hem, and the marvellous Instandard location for low-budget fantasy film-makers.

Creature from the Black Lagoon, made the following year, proved equally influential, and launched one of Hollywood's most famous monsters. Arnold himselfsupposedly suggested its design by sketching the Oscar statuene with a few added fins. Revenge of the Black Lagoon, Arnold's next fantasy assignment, proved disappointing: trapped inside a Florida aquarium, the monster lost much of its sinister power. But Arnold bounced back with Tarantula (1955), another tale of desert maycredible Shrinking Man (1957), inspired by a Richard Matheson novel.

"People don't get shorter, Mr Carey," the hero's doctor tells him. Mr Carey, played by Grant Williams, knows better: under Arnold's precise direction, he dwindles in size until the ordinary world is transformed into a nightmare universe of giant water drips, enormous scissors, and a life-threatening spider. Along with these visual niceties, the film neatly charts the hero's emotional disintegration; for once, Arnold's characters seem more than

Surprisingly, perhaps, The war proved Arnold's Arnold's background lay in salvation. Hot-foot from the acting. After attending Ohio Republic serial Junior G-State University, he enrolled Men of the Air, he joined the in the American Academy of Dramatic Art; by 1933, small Signal Corps, and began directing documentaries for the parts in Broadway produc-US State Department, the tions and Hollywood films army, and industry. With came his way. On stage he appeared in Elia Kazan's di-These Hands, for the International Ladies Garment rectorial debut. The Young Union, won him an Oscar. Go First (1935) and the The-atre Guild's lachrymose But nomination in 1950 and served as his Hollywood call-For the Grace of God (1937). ing card. In films he also stayed well down the cast list; perhaps that was the best place to be

Ensconced at Universal, he worked at various genres, slipping the science-fiction in between westerns and thrillers. With the box-office success of his shrinking men and



projects came his way. He worked with Lana Turner. Bob Hope, and came to England for the lively satire The Mouse That Roared (1959), featuring Peter Sellers in three roles as the prime minister, field marshal and Grand Duchess of the world's smallest country. But once the Fifties' science-fiction boom was spent, Arnold's films quickly lost their appeal, and he spent increasing time working in television.

A rhapsodic chapter in John Baxter's 1970 book Science Fiction in the Cinema revived interest in Amold's best films, but did little to improve his professional for-tunes. By 1975, he was reduced to directing a soft-core frolic, The Games Girls Play, though at least he handled the job with panache. Six years later, one of his admirers, the director John Landis. made an abortive effort for him to remake Creature From the Black Lagoon. Arnold is survived by his wife. Betty, and two daughters.

APPRECIATIONS

Friedrich von Hayek

FOR a young undergraduate from what would now be called a "deprived" area, sated with condemnation of capitalism, to hear a confident defence of capitalism in 1934 from academic eminences of the fame of Lionel Robbins. then in 1935 from the little known but formidably impressive F. A. Hayek (obituary, March 25) was awe-

inspiring.
"Capitalism" was anathema to the people who had lived around me as I grew up in London's East End. My economics teacher in the local grammar school was more restrained. But the only teacher who had a good word for the ninteenth century which had freed itself from medieval mercantilism was the history master. The London School of Eco-

nomics was then very much a left-wing seminary by repute. It could hardly be otherwise with Harold Laski, Hugh Dalton, W. A. Robson and more teachers who later served in or advised the postwar Attiee government. As a student who did not share the general consensus of LSE opinion life could be lonely. There were alarmingly few like me. Other students thought me either mad for believing such reactionaries as Hayek, or bad in angling for a job. Unfortunately their fears were realised when, on graduating in 1937, I was offered a post on the research

staff? Hayek and Robbins and Plant and two or three of their younger colleagues, like Ronald Coase, the 1991 Nobel laureate in economic science, explained my doubts about my earlier critics of captialism. What was wrong was simple: by showing that capitalism had faults, which it had as I could see all around me, they had wrongly iumped to the conclusion that another system called social-ism would put them all right.

I had to wait for the evidence that came in later years that the faults of socialism were even worse, since they were more difficult to avoid or erase. This was the key to my youthful mystification that Hayek supplied. Centralised planning, he demonstrated in 1935, would not work ever because it lacked a pricing system. Capitalism did not create poverty; it provided the mechanism that would cure it. Government direction of the economy would endanger personal liberty. That know-ledge I owe mainly to Hayek. In all the years since then he has reinforced the doubts I had about socialism but could not understand until I

read his works. Since then, in reading his later works, editing his shorter writings at the Insti-



tute of Economic Affairs, the formation of which he inspired, attending conferences of the Mont Pelerin Society, the association of world schol-ars he established, discussing his latest refinements at seminars of the Liberty Fund, confiding my thoughts on tendencies in economics and on the economists who have been misled by them, I have been confirmed in my youthful impression that he was a surer guide to the economic world than the economists who have been heeded by governments.

That is the debt I owe Arthur Seldon

MAJOR GENERAL D. C. T. SWAN

in supporting features like

The Day the Bookies Wept (1939) or Mexican Spitfire's

Major General D. C. T. Swan, CB, CBE, the Director of Fortifications and Works at the War Office, 1953-55, died on March 7 aged 91. He was born on Sep-tember 2, 1900.

DENNIS Swan's memorial stands - unattributed to him - in the woods of Rheindahlen in Germany between the Dusch frontier and the Rhine. In the early 1950s, as Chief. Engineer BAOR, he supervised the planning and early phases of the construction of the vast complex. which houses the headquarters of British Army of the Rhine and the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force. Later, as Director of Fortifications and Works at the War Office, he oversaw its completion.

Swan had already made his contribution to military history in Burma as the Commander Royal Engineers (CRE) of the 1st Burma Division during the thousand mile withdrawal from Rangoon to India in 1942; and as Chief Engineer of the 15th Indian Corps in the British counter-offensive, which won Burma back in 1944-45.

Dennis Charles Tarrant Swan — nicknamed affectionately 'Duck' Swan by his colleagues — came from a family with long associations with the Sappers, India and Burma. His great, great grandfather, a lieutenant-general, retired as Chief Engineer, Ireland, in 1802. His grandfather, a major general, com-manded the Deccan Horse during

Robert's march from Kabul to Kandahar in 1880. And his father, Lt-Col C. T. Swan, commanded units of the Madras Pioneers during the Boxer Rebellion in China, in the

Burma wars and in Mesopotamia during the first world war. Educated at Wellington College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, Dennis Swan was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1919 and learnt his soldiering with a field company at the Curragh and with a fortress company in Cork harbour during the Irish "troubles" of the early 1920s.

India to follow in his father's footsteps in the Madras Sapper and Miners. He stayed with them for almost ten years on the North West Frontier in South Waziristan with the Manzai Brigade's field

When he arrived back in England in 1935, the expansion of antiaircraft units to meet the perceived German air threat was already under way. He became Brigade Major of the 40th Anti-Aircraft Brigade in north west London.

When war came in 1939, he went over to France with the BEF as a lieutenant-colonel in charge of the construction of the underground headquarters for Lord Gort's GHQ at Doullens. Just before the German offensive in the west began, he was appointed Commander Royal Engi-neers to Martel's 50th (Tyne & Tees) Division. He took part in its abortive counter-attack at Arras, which



made Rommel's 7th Panzer Division pause momentarily; and then executed 50th Division's demolition plan to cover its withdrawal to

Dunkirk. He spent almost a year back in Ireland at Lisburn, near Belfast, developing the unused contingency plans for a British invasion of the republic to pre-empt German landings. As soon as the Japanese en-

tered the war at the end of 1941, all available officers with Indian Sapper and Miner experience were hurried back to India. Swan was appointed CRE of 1st Burma

He was soon engulfed in executing demolition plans to cover the withdrawal northwards up the Irrawaddy in the face of the Japanese advance, and in organising the Irra-waddy flotilla for the British evacuation of southern Burma. He survived the disastrous battle around the oilfields at Yengangyaung when the division force, and then organised the Irrawaddy ferry-crossing at Sammeikon to the west of Mandalay, enabling what remained of his division and much of the 17th Division to fight their way up the valley of the Chindwin and thence back to India.

Swan returned to Burma in 1944 as the Chief Engineer of Philip Cristison's 15th Indian Corps, which, after the severest fighting, eventually defeated the Japanese in the Arakan, took Akyab and advanced with a series of amphibious landings down the Burma coast, reoccupying Rangoon in May 1945. 15th Indian Corps was then withdrawn to India to play the leading role in Operation "Zipper", the invasion of Malaya.

The dropping of the two atomic bombs on Japan turned "Zipper" into the unopposed reoccupation of Malaya, Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies, Swan was

present when Mounthatten took the Japanese surrender in Singapore. and went on to be the Chief Engineer of the British occupation forces in Java and Sumatra.

In 1946 Swan returned to Europe as Chief Engineer of 7th Armoured Division's area of occupation in north west Germany around Hamburg and Verden; and by the time the Berlin airlift began in 1948, he was Deputy Director of Engineer Works at HQ BAOR, responsible for the construction work needed to increase the British air supply effort.

Two years later he was promoted major general and appointed Chief Engineer North Army Group and BAOR, and started the building of its permanent headquarters. His last appointment in the army started in 1953 when he became Director of Fortification and Works at the War

After he retired in 1955, he spent five years as managing director of a firm dealing in tractors and earthmoving machinery. He was presi dent of the Institution of Royal

Engineers from 1961 to 1965. When the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan in 1979, he protested by returning to the Soviet ambassador in London the insignia of the Russian Order of the Patriotic War (1st Class), which he had been awarded for his contribution to the Allied war effort.

In 1930 he married Patricia Ethel Mary Thorne, who died in 1960. They had a son and a daughter.

Michael Skinner

I AM writing to express my appreciation of the obituary of Major-General Skinner (March 21). As one of his many friends and admirers in Woodchurch, I wish to record that we were not in the least surprised when he took up his work at Rochester after his retirement from the Army. On coming to live in our

village, he immediately became an active member of our church, being a member

In an era of Polaris, Trident

and sea-to-air missiles the submarine classed as nonoffensive makes bizarre reading; just over a decade after Sir George Clarke's

apt" summary, German

submarines were wreaking havoc with Allied shipping in

the Atlantic

THE SUBMARINE

BOAT

The decision of the Admiralty

to purchase and experiment with submarine boars is the

novel feature of the Navy Estimates, but it cannot be said

to have been altogether a

surprise.
The type chosen, that invented by Mr John P. Holland,

is probably the best available in the market, but surely the ingenuity and scientific skill of

British inventors and construc-

tors is quite equal to producing

something as good, if not

The general agreement as to the wisdom of the sup which the Admiralty have taken should not blind us to the

danger of misleading the coun-

try in this matter. It is evident

from comments which have

already appeared that it is necessary to make it quite clear that this step does not commit

us in any way to the adoption of the submarine boat as a de-

sirable or essential component

of British naval strength. The

student of navai affairs learns

to regard with suspicion any

form of protection which is not

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of our Church Council and soon became Deputy Church Warden. His friendliness and wise advice was greatly valued. His wife Anne took over the duties of Secretary to the PCC. They both took an active interest in all aspects of village life and they are both remembered with great affec-

Mike was truly a great Christian Gentleman, and I am sure he will be remem-

E. F. Elliott

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istry at Bristol University. Birthdays today

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Archaeology

Aztec turquoise mined in **Arizona and New Mexico**

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE sources of turquoise exploited by the Aztecs for their impressive mosaics have been identified. Scientific analysis has shown that mines in Arizona and New Mexico produced the blue-green stones used to decorate some of the most elaborate Pre-Columbian ritual objects known.

American turquoise first came to European attention soon after Cortez landed in Mexico in 1519: the Aztec Emperor Moctezoma II thought that he was the god Quetzalcoatl returning after five centuries' absence, and sent emissaries bearing the deity's regalia.

Cortez sent the serpent mask — a piece now in the Museum of Mankind in London - back to the Emperor Charles V, and the Spanish soon discovered that turquoise was among the most valued substances in ancient Mexico. No mines were known close to the Aztec cabital of Tenochtidan, however. and for a long time the source of turquoise remained

After 20 years' research on bedrock samples and archaeological specimens, Dr Garman Harbonie and Dr Phil Weigand believe that they have pinned down the

unknown.

origins and the distribution network for the precious stones. More than 2,000 artefacts have been characterised by neutron activation analysis at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, and several dozen samples from each mine were also examined

dozen pieces found in Mexico to specific mines more than a thousand miles away," they report. Some of the turquoise came from as far north as Nevada, on the same latitude as San Francisco. More than 120 mines are known, but hundreds more must have been obliterated by modern workings, they say.

deposits were mined by

"We have traced several

Where the mines remained untouched since Pre-Columbian times, they could be dangerous to investigate. "Ancient miners and modern archaeologists alike faced high heat and little ventilation to ameliorate air tainted by smoke and dust," the scientists say. The turquoise was extracted by heating the rock and then shattering it with a draught of cold water, and for obvious reasons the shallower

opencast methods first. The earliest use of the stone has been dated to around

600 BC, but only in the first millennium AD was it traded in quantity. North and west Mexico used turquoise widely, and the area of the south-western USA around the mines absorbed a staggering amount: between 200,000 and 500,000 pieces are said to have been found in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico.

The long-distance trade to the Maya of Yucatan and to central Mexico only burgeomed after AD 1000, but after 1300 the Aztec and their neighbours developed a passion for the stone. It was used to encrust shields and serpent pectorals, but the most striking mosaics are the human skulls covered in tiny blue tesserae.

The British Museum owns the largest collection of Aztec turquoise mosaics known, including several pieces that Elizabeth Carmichael has shown to be almost certainly the gifts that Moctezoma sent to Cortez. Analysis of these fragile objects presents problems of conservation, however, and most of the research done so far has been on small carvings or detached tesserae. Source: Scientific American 266 (2):56-62.

Jenkins warning to curb atheism

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE three monotheistic religions will be to blame for the spread of atheism unless they find a common way forward, the Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins, said yesterday.

Dr Jenkins called for ur-

gent dialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims to help achieve peace in the Middle East. Jerusalem focused the "ungodly behaviour" of all who worship the one God, he said. "If we will not work out common answers for a shared way forward, how are we to prevent ourselves from being a principal reason for atheism? Monotheistic religion too

often seemed to be the dressing up of culture, ethnicity and power, he said at the launch of Judaism, the first book of a trilogy which will cover Christianity and Islam, by the Roman Catholic theologian Hans Küng.

Professor Kung, of Tubing-en University, Germany, said the three monotheistic religions had generally been "far more active, exclusive and unfortunately often aggressive than the religions of Indian and Chinese origin". Speaking at St James's Church, Piccadilly, he said: What unites all the great

religions needs to be worked

out carefully in detail on the

basis of the sources. We do not need a unity between the religions, a unitary religion, mishmash theology, or a cocktail of pieties, but we do at last need peace between the religions. In all the churches, synagogues and mosques, people should not only pray for peace but work for peace." Professor Kung says that

there could be no political solutions in the Middle East without a clarification of the religious questions over which Jews, Christians and Muslims are at odds. He raised questions over the frontiers of Israel, the use of force in Islam and the question of tolerance in Christianity. "Instead of visions of the

terrors of war and annihilation we must realise a vision of peace. And as I have argued in my book Judaism, in achieving this there is no avoiding autonomy and finally a state for the Palestinians as well." Professor Kung is a radical theologian whose licence to

able at present placing the submarine boat outside this teach in the name of the category.

In its present form it may possibly have a place in har-bour defence, and the poschurch was withdrawn by Rome in 1979 after he ques-tioned papal infallibility and criticised "ecclesiastical session of the boats now under construction will enable our officers to test its value for this oppression". Judaism, by Hans Kung. purpose. This is all we may hope for, and the statements of SCM Press £35.00

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and others who were examined by the committee for the pur-chase of the Holland boats by the United States Government show that this is all they

expected.
The improved Holland boat. the type chosen for experiment-ing with, is the result of some 25 years of trial and test. It was somewhere about 1877 that Mr Holland put his first boat into the water, and since then he has built no fewer than five, each including improvements and modifications suggested by experiments with its prede the United States Governmen the United States Government to give their large order displaced 74 tons: those they are now building and those ordered by the British Government are larger and heavier. The dimensions of the British loss that are \$20 4 in its least the first the second of the British loss that are \$20 4 in its least the second or the British loss that \$20 4 in its least that \$20 boat are 63ft 4in in length over all, 11ft 9in beam, and 120

Each boat carries one torpedo expulsion tube, situated right forward in the vessel and opening outward 2ft below the light waterline. A torpedo can be fired from this tube either when the boat is stationary. when she is running on the surface, or when she is submerged. If you have a trained man at the helm, said Lieutenant Caldwell (US Navy), the steering is perfectly satisfactory, with an inexperienced man she would steer erratically. It is only a question of

tons displacement when sub-

On the other hand, there is no mention in any of the reports of such an instrument as the periscope, used in the French vessels.

There is nothing, however, in

the trustworthy reports of the trials to prove that the French have gone ahead of the Americans in this matter. Sir George Clarke, in a recently reported interview, aprily sums up the situation. "So far as I can see, the art of getting under water and stopping there has ad-vanced; but I know nothing which suggests that the submarine boat is likely to play any the American naval officers useful part in war."

Emu fears played down as London woos bank

By George Brock and Colin Narbrough

BRITISH officials preparing for the presidency of the Eu-ropean Community are playing down John Major's scepticism towards monetary union to help win the head-quarters of the European bank for London. Their briefing on so sensitive a subject in advance of an election is unusual.

Government officials drawing up plans for the six-month EC presidency are poised to propose to either Conservatives or Labour that any campaign to site the bank in London must overcome the handicap that Britain is seen as lukewarm on monetary union. Mr Major last year retained Britain's freedom to opt out of the single currency at the last moment in the late 1990s; all other 11 EC states have signed commitments to join a single currency if their

economies qualify.
In practice, the Whitehall plan is more likely to appeal to Labour, which backs London as the central bank in its manifesto, than the Conservatives. In a recent interview with The Times, Mr Major said that he was sceptical whether Europe's economies were ready for a single cur-rency by the end of the decade. Many City economists and bankers agree, but want London to compete for a leading role if an "ecu zone" is

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, issued a forceful appeal last month for the central bank to be located in London. In an important policy speech, he argued that Lon-don not only had the advantage of being the sole truly world-class financial centre in Europe, but that it was also the leading ecu market and the only one offering the necessity liquidity. The right lo-cation, he said, would be very important to the standing of

the bank. Mr Leigh-Pemberton's stance has the backing of Norman Lamont, although the Chancellor has been less outspoken on the location is-sue. Mr Lamont is keen to support "credible sites" in Britain. Deliberate steps by the Treasury to enhance London's as an ecu market have clearly been designed to improve the City's chances of securing the European central bank, or at least its opera-

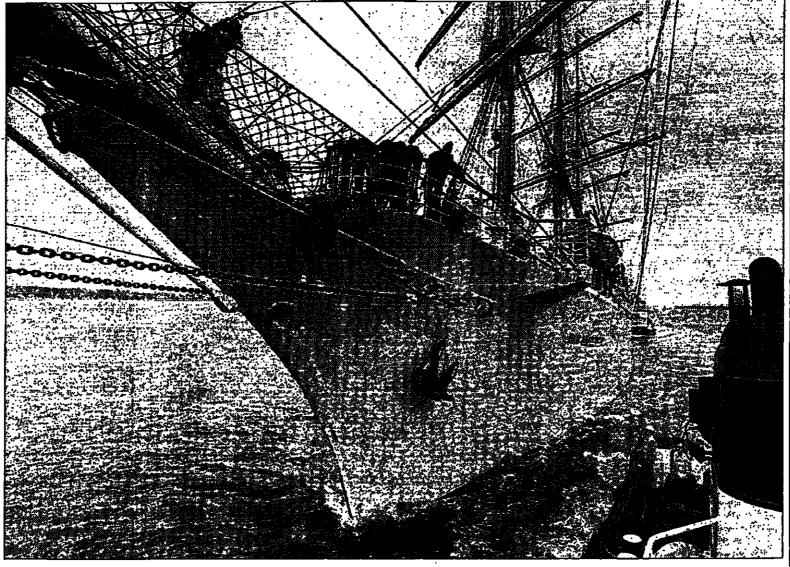
City lobbyists, fearful that parts of Britain's financial services industry would follow the European bank to a rival European centre, have sought to co-ordinate strategy closely with the Bank of England. But Mr Lamont has stuck firmly to the position that Britain will not be com-mitted to the single currency and monetary union without separate decision in the House of Commons.

Neither a Conservative or Labour government is likely to remove the British "optout" from the Maastricht treaty, but officials are suggesting that a new government could try to move Britain closer to the centre of developments by saying that the opt-out was unlikely to be

used.
Officials have discussed the bank campaign with both the present government and with senior Labour party figures, including the shadow Chancellor, John Smith. Mr Smith visited Brussels in the first week of February for discus-sions with EC and British officials, staying with Sir John Kerr, Britain's ambas-sador to the EC. Under Cabi-net Office rules, senior Whitehall officials are allowed to discuss policy op-tions with opposition politicians within six months of the end of a parliament and this period began on January 9 this year. The Times disclosed yesterday that the directorgeneral of M15 had held talks with Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary.

Even if the next govern-ment hints that the Maastricht opt-out is a formality and that Britain will drive to qualify for membership of the first group of countries to unite their currencies, London will face fierce opposition. Germany's finance minister, Theo Waigel, has said that the bank should go to Frankfurt, home of the bourg and The Netherlands have also made bids.

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Round Britain voyage: the Polish square-rigger, Dar Mlodziezy, berthing at Southampton yesterday at the start of a five-day sail around Britain. The ship is on its way to the Columbus Regatta off Spain to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas

Police to get film of bomb suspects

Continued from page 1 from Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch wanted the

Mr Salinger had inter-viewed the two Libyan suspects in Libya shortly after they were charged in America last November. He said ABC News had broadcast only a minute and a half of the two 40-minute video tapes to be handed over. Under ABC's rules, film footage which had not been shown to the public was not normally disclosed to the police.

In a statement issued after the ruling, Roone Arledge, the president of ABC News, said that since the organis-ation had been ordered to "make the tapes public by releasing them to the government, we believe it opportune to make the entirety of both interviews available to news organisations".

Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Popplewell were told by counsel for the Crown that the Scottish police were "very eager" to receive "the tained in the Salinger tapes. The judges outlined new,

tougher guidelines on the way such orders should operate in future, requiring police to spell out more fully the rea-

sons for requiring material. In Tripoli, the seven-man Arab League delegation had hoped to clarify the terms of the offer made on Monday by Libya's ambassador to the UN. Colonel Gadaffi kept them waiting several hours for an audience in what was seen as a rebuff to a team that was led by the league's secre-tary-general, Esmat Abdel-Maguid, and included four



Gadaffi: had invited leaders to Tripoli

Battle erupts over girl in Labour health film

it out. He wanted it conveyed to the public because he was

so angry what happened to

Conservative accusations of exploiting children. "I think one of the reasons for the Tory reaction, which is be-

coming increasingly hysteri-

cal, of course, is that they are

aware of the success of our

appeal and the way in which

we are leading opinion in

Mr Kinnock dismissed

med from page 1 long. We were kept waiting for 12 months for our daughter to be treated and that was appalling, and someone

should accept responsibility

for that." Jack Cunningham, La-bour's campaign chief, said last night that the broadcast had provoked hundreds of calls from families who had experienced similar delays. This case was, he said, "all too true and all too typical".
With the campaign so fine-

y poised both sides were trying to prevent the other getting the upper hand on an issue that will clearly have a key bearing on the outcome. Both parties held impromptu press conferences as the story unfolded.

The Tories, after initially holding back, launched a full-scale assault on Labour after Mrs Bennett and Mr Ardouin made their dissatisfaction clear. The surgeon suggested early yesterday that the girl's operation was held tive error.

Labour last night released

the consultant's letter that Mrs Bennett had been so early morning conference, in which it set out plans for spending £1 billion on health, anxious to keep private. In it, Mr Ardouin spoke of the waiting list for overnight stay was soon overshadowed. It patients climbing enormous-ly because of insufficient ended in a rumpus when been called to question Mr Kinnock pursued him as he nursing cover. He said patients were now waiting more than a year for treatment "principally because there are left the rostrum.

Once Mrs Bennett had atno more consultants here tacked the film as "disgustnow in ear, nose and throat ing" the Tories called their surgery than there were 40 special press conference. Mr Patten said the "sleazy con-Mr Cunningham said the Conservatives "lacked the temptible" broadcast raised serious questions about Mr Kinnock's fitness for public guts" to face up to the state of the health service. Labour heard about the case from the "If in order to grub for child's father. "We didn't seek

office you don't give a hang for the truth, if you don't even try to check the truth, then I think you disqualify yourself from the trust and respect which those who try for the highest office in the country should seek to earn," he said.

Jennifer's story, page Election 92, pages 7-10 Diary, page 14 L&T section, page 6 dicting them.

Harwell tots up a useless record

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS at Harwell Laboratory in Oxfordshire have discovered the largest known prime number. If printed out in full it would occupy seven pages of The Times, and it took 19 hours of computing on a Cray-2 supercomputer to calculate. The discovery is almost, but not entirely, useless.

The number is two to the power of 756839, minus one. This means two multiplied by itself 756,839 times, less one. Written out in full, the new prime number has 227,832 digits, comfortably beating in Houston — Texas, which had a mere 65,050.

Prime numbers are numbers that can only be divided by themselves (or, of course, by one). They begin 3.5,7,11,13,17,19,23 and so on, but the density of prime numbers thins out the higher you go, for the obvious reason that very large num-bers stand a greater chance of being divisible by slightly less large numbers. Yet prime numbers are believed to go on for ever, a proposition origi-nally made by Euclid.

The Harwell group has also found a new perfect number. the 32nd ever to be defined. A perfect number is a number that is the sum of its factors: the simplest example is six. which is both one times two times three, and one plus two plus three. Perfect numbers, which convinced Pythagoras that the Creator had a plan, are much less common than primes; there are only four between one and 10,000 (6, 28, 496 and 8,128).

Harwell's new perfect number was easily calculated by multiplying the new prime by the new prime plus one, which is a way of generating perfect numbers. It has 455,663 digits.
Michael Schomberg.

Harwell computing manag-er, said yesterday: "Although these large numbers offer little direct benefit to society today, they do have curiosity value and the pursuit of everlarger prime and perfect numbers will always fascinate mathematicians."

Prime numbers are used in cryptography and computer ecurity, though this one is too big for that purpose. The main fascination to mathematicians is whether the ocand letters, page 15 might lead to a way of pre-

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ACROSS take place (3-7).

6 A protuberance on the back or shoulder (4). 9 In which one may take steps to cross Toledo repeatedly? (5.5).

 10 Cursorily look through Dickens's

12 House of solid structure (4). 13 The ghost of Banquo, say, at Macbeth's banquer? (4-5).

15 Soldiers backed it with little money, not giving much away

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24 Right to accept condition. though it causes a breach (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,875



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29 Discouraging notes written by Roman dramatist for audience (10).

DOWN 1 Expel judge from contest (4).

2 Flags do not contribute to his annual trading figures (7). 3 A crime mostly counted, perhaps,

as being against the people (12). 4 Following? It's about right too

5 Detail of one collier's launch in Tyne is incorrect (6).

7 Of neglected appearance - not observed embracing maiden (7). 8 His barking disturbed an opera in Maidenhead (10).

11 One producing a play, hand on pen? (12). 14 New masters in Repton initially

teach it (10). 17 A coarse, scolding woman — Mrs Sprat, for instance? (8).

19 Pity to be without English money for the train (7).

21 Birdman_of a thuggish disposition (7). 22 Colourful bird in a circle of light, say (6).

25 Keeper originally born in France — may be capped (4). Concise Crossword, page 19 Life & Times section

A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard MOGGAN

Long, footless stocking

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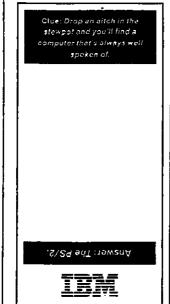
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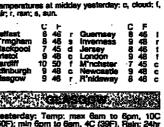
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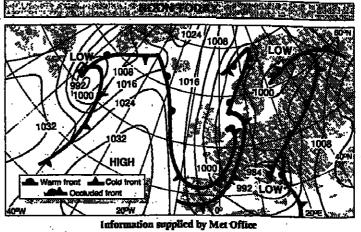




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Only an extra 1 per cent of world trade would boost manufacturing and give Britain long-term recovery, Mark Radeliffe, deputy director general of the CBI, says

BUILDING UP

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Barratt, the housebuilder, is making profits again. and repaying borrowings after the return of its Tempus, Page 22

COUNTDOWN



as accountants face cleaning up company balance sheets. Robert Bruce says Accountancy, page 27

EUROPE BOOST

Strong growth in Europe saved Hepworth, the building products group, from the worst of the Page 20

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Earning more in America and spending more on promoting new products are priorities for Reckitt & Colman Page 21

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Recovery could start this summer

Engineering firms 'to cut 60,000 jobs'

the next 12 months, but a gradually accelerating recovery in output is set to begin this summer, the Engineering Employers Federation said.

The forecast, contained in the EEF's quarterly economic survey, signals a sharp slow-down in the rate of job losses in eagineering, which ac-counts for about half of Britain's manufacturing output.

The EEF said during the past 12 months engineering employment has fallen 165,000, to 1.85 million, in response to a steep stump in output. But pressure on industry to contain costs is expected to ensure jobs contin-ue to be lost, even after output begins to climb again.

Ian Thompson, the EEF's economic adviser, said the EEF remained confident the steep slump in engineering output caused by the recession was levelling off. A gradual, and accelerating recovery would begin in the summer, providing an output volume increase of 5 per cent by the

middle of next year.
But the EEF reiterated its warning of a widening balance of payments deficit as the recovery starts. "Man-ufacturing has become much more efficient than it used to be, but the manufacturing sector has become too small to maintain the balance of The EEF said the outcome

By MARTIN BARROW

LASMO is to reduce signifi-

cantly expenditure on explo-

after the takeover of Ultra-

mar, plans to reduce the cost

of exploration and appraisal

activities from £200 million

in 1991 to £135 million this

year. Chris Greentree, chief

executive, said yesterday that

all expenditure plans remain-

ed under review. Lasmo also unveiled sweep-

vious years' profits. The prin-

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By NEIL BENNETT

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SMITH New Court, the broker, has won

more than £15 million in damages from Citibank, after a High Court judge de-cided that the American bank had de-

ceived it into buying a £23 million block

liable for fraudulent misrepresentation

and has awarded damages of £10.8

million to Smith and interest charges of

nearly \$4 million. Citibank has also been ordered to pay three-quarters of Smith's legal costs, estimated to be £1

In July 1989, Christopher Roberts, a Citibank vice-president, sold Smith 28 million shares in Ferranti at 82.25p

of Ferranti shares three years ago. Mr Justice Chadwick found Citibank

over the life of reserves.

THE engineering indus- of the election would have try is likely to shed a little impact on the speed of further 60,000 jobs over the engineering output recovery because there would be a long time lag before any changes in policy took effect. The EEF, which cam-paigned for increased allow-

ances for capital investment, said it supported in principle Labour's plans for special investment allowances. But it was uncertain whether the party planned to retain them for long enough to have a significant impact.

Growth in investment is critical to the speed and breadth of the recovery. Engineering industry sales are tied to company investment and property spending. British engineering sales last year are reckoned to have totalled £122 billion, of which £50.8 billion was exports...

Until now, unification of Germany has helped to moderate the engineering downturn. Germany overtook America as Britain's biggest engineering export market last year, accounting for 16 per cent of overseas sales.
But the EEF said Britain's

economic cycle has now been brought into line with the rest of Europe. So the slowdown in German growth, and the rest of Europe, suggested little prospect of a speedy recovery in Britain.

That was compounded by a steep fall in fixed investment by manufacturing industry in Britain, to levels below those achieved in early 1987. Investment, leading to more demand, is unlikely to recover

Low prices torce Lasmo

to cut exploration costs

fully to its peak at end 1989 before 1994, the EEF said. Job shedding, and the weakness of sterling within the European exchange-rate mechanism, have contributed to an improvement in the

industry's competitiveness. Even so, "this leaves pro-ductivity levels in the first half of 1992 generally no higher than they were two years earlier - hence the need for further improvement in 1992 and 1993", the forecast said.

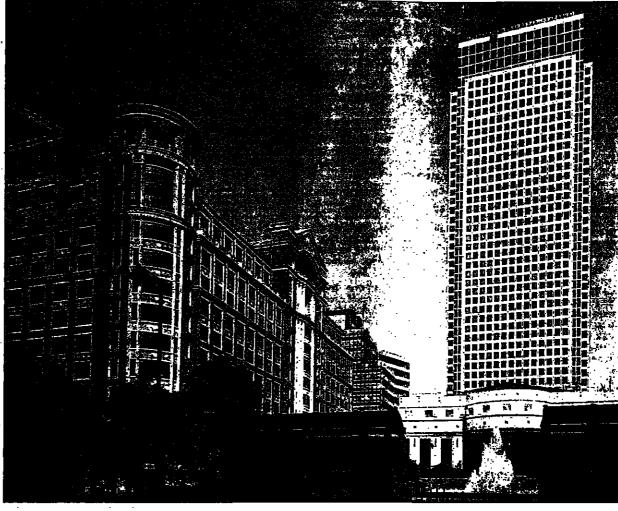
Motor vehicles are expected to lead the engineering recovery, partly because they have a relatively short life cycle, and parily because of construction of Japanese transplant factories in Brit-

By the middle of next year, output of motor vehicles and parts - 18.2 per cent of total engineering output, is fore-cast to rise 12.1 per cent.

Other sectors, accounting for almost 40 per cent of total engineering output, are likely to grow only very modestly, the EEF said. ☐ The Confederation of Brit-

ish Indsutry will today pub lish an open letter to members highlighting the achievements of industry over the past ten years. The employers organisation says it is concerned that voters have an unduly bleak picture of the prospects of Britain's manufacturers. However, the CBI has rejected proposals for a El million advertising campaign to press the message home.

Can do better, page 23



Underground station in jeopardy: Canary Wharf, Docklands, Europe's biggest offices and retail development

Kingfisher sounds note of caution

By Jonathan Prynn

THE green shoots of economic revival are not yet visible in the shopping cen-tres and high streets of Britain, according to Geoffrey Mulcahy, the chairman and chief executive of Kinglisher, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q retailing group.

Announcing a 3 per cent increase in profits before tax and exceptional items to £221.8 million for the year to February 1, he said trading conditions in the retail market would remain tough for the rest of the year. "My werall impression is that there is no significant indication of any upturn in con-sumer confidence," he said. Despite the note of caution.

the shares were marked up 5p to 485p on better than expected results for last year. Earnings per share were ahead by 2 per cent to 31.6p. and the total dividend for the year was increased by 7 per cent to 13p after announcing a final dividend of 9p (8.4p).

The strongest performer was the Woolworth chain, which benfited from improvements in warehousing and from a £14 million reduction in working capital.

Comet, the electrical goods chain, reported a 20 per cent increase in profits to £9.1 million and Superdrug saw profits rise marginally to £34.6 million. Chartwell Land, the property development subsidiary, produced development profits of £1.9 million (£11.6 million).

A net exceptional profit of £5.9 million (£37.2 million) included £20.6 million of property disposal profits and £14.7 million of costs for restructuring of Comet and the Titles video hire chain.

Capital expenditure in the year fell from £100 million to E60 million. Strong cash generation last year allowed Kingfisher to reduce net debt from £231 million to £119 million, with gearing cut from 24 to 11 per cent.

Tempus, page 22

O&Y troubles could scupper Canary Wharf station plan

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to build the £1.3 billion extension to the London Underground Jubilee line will have to be changed drastically if Olympia & York, the troubled Docklands property developer, is unable to contribute £400 million to the cost of the new line, it em-

erged yesterday. Unless the government bridged the funding gap, London Underground would have to slash the costs of the project. Although the route is fixed, any shortfall in funding could lead to the cancellation of some stations along the route, including plans for one at Canary Wharf, Docklands, retail development.

Doubts over the future shape of the line extension. which is intended to run from Green Park to Stratford in east London via Canary Wharf, emerged after O&Y announced it had begun negotiations with its creditors over its debts, estimated at

about US\$20 billion. O&Y had agreed in principle to contribute £400 million to the cost of the scheme in 1989, when Cecil Parkinson, the then transport secretary, announced the government's intention to back the project. It is understood, however, that O&Y's commitment is being "re-evaluated" as part of it's

debt reorganisation.

London Underground, which secured parliamentary authority to build the new line earlier this month, is still waiting for O&Y to sign an agreement committing it to a £40 million contribution to the cost of the extension at the million in 12 months, and the balance of £300 million when construction is scheduled for completion in 1996.

Design work for the line has been completed, and London Underground is ready to let the first construction contract. Work will not begin, however, until Malcolm Rifkind, the transport scheme final approval, which is unlikely before the election or while funding doubts

Fears for the future of the line extension, which is in-tended to link central and east London via Green Park, Westminster, Waterloo, Southwark, London Bridge, Bermondsey, Canada Water, Canary Wharf, Greenwich, Canning Town, West Ham, and Stratford, will be particularly acute in Southwark and Bermondsey, whose stations could be put in jeopardy.

O&Y's commitment to costs of the line was originally heralded by ministers as an example of the scope for recruiting private sector capital for public sector transport projects. Any attempt by O&Y to back away from its undertakings will, therefore, be an embarrassment to the present

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ration this year in response to severely depressed oil and gas The company, which virtually doubled in size last year,

Greentree: under review

ing changes to its accounting policy, resulting in a £220 million write-off against preassociate company.

The changes follow damaging criticism of Lasmo's use of cipal change is a switch to so-called "successful efforts" ac-counting, which requires Lasmo to write off unsuccessful exploration costs immediatependiture and depreciating it The company has also de-ferred tax relief on successful

penditure, reducing 1991 profits by £59 million, and revised the way in which it accounts for Lasmo Canada, which is no longer fully con-

Mr Greentree said the main reason for the accounting change was to bring

efforts accounting.

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full-cost accounting, which gives a short-term boost to profits. This criticism undermined confidence in the company and resulted in a downgrading of its shares during the Ultramar bid battle, from which they have not recovered. Enterprise Oil, of a comparable size to Lasmo,

The changes, combined with the impact of lower oil prices, left Lasmo with an net income of £17.9 million in 1991, compared with £37.9 million in 1990, restated from a reported £81.5 million

after the accounting changes. Earnings fell from 9p a share to 3.4p, leaving a maintained total dividend of 8.5p uncovered. The company said it remained committed to increasing future dividends but this would depend on growth in oil and gas prices. "None of us envisage any startling recovery," Mr Greentree added.

Lasmo into line with oil and gas companies of a similar

Lasmo shares closed 1p lower at 203p after briefly falling below £2. During the bid, the shares peaked at 321p.

Despite record production of 85,200 barrels of oil-equivalent per day, sales fell from £333 million to £281 million, reflecting a lower average oil price of £11 a barrel, down from £12.32. There was an operating loss of £8.5 million. against profits of £19.6 mil-

lion. Pre-tax profits fell from £48.8 million to £28.8

SNC wins £15m over Ferranti deal were sold when he defaulted. During Tony Abrahams, the head of dealing, the case, the court heard that two days and Geoff Lewis, the head of internabefore the transactions Mr Roberts had been told he was going to be dismissed as head of Scringeour Vickers, Citi-bank's stockbroking subsidiary but had

still been left in charge of realising the security on Mr Guerin's loan. Soon afterwards, Ferranti's share price collapsed after a massive fraud was discovered in the group. Smith was forced to sell its shares at between 49p and 30p. The loss depressed the group's

Last year, in Southwark Crown Court, Mr Roberts was acquitted of criminal charges of making false and misleading statements to induce Smith's employees to buy the shares.

Sir Michael Richardson, chairman of Smith, said he "could not be happier with the verdict", and said the money would appear as an exceptional item in this year's accounts.

profits that year.

tional dealing, for trying to mislead the jury in the earlier criminal trial.

truth," he said. "We will demonstrate that description is a nonsense."

Sir Michael said he also rejected the suggestion. "The directors do not be-

A spokeswoman for Citibank said it

In his judgment, however, Mr Justice Chadwick criticised two Smith directors losses.

In court earlier, Anthony Grabiner, QC, the counsel for Smith, rejected claims from the criminal trial that com-pany staff had fabricated evidence The thrust of what was said was that witnesses' evidence was a parody of the

lieve this is justified. They know their colleagues to be men of the highest integrity. The judge held that Mr Roberts deceived them and Smith New Court into purchasing the Ferranti shares," he said.

was "very disappointed with the judg-ment." The judgment is a final blow for the bank that has since pulled out of equity dealing in the City, due to heavy

Devenish bid costs restrict **Boddington**

By PHILIP PANGALOS

HIGHER interest charges and difficult trading conditions restricted the rise in Boddington Group's pre-tax profits at 1.2 per cent to £20.3 million in the year to December, despite a 17 per cent rise in trading profits. Organic growth and acquisitions helped turnover at the North-West public houses, hotels and healthcare group rise 34 per cent to £185 million.

Denis Cassidy, chairman, said: "The results show a strong trading performance in what continues to be a hostile environment. All the divisions improved in what has been a very difficult year."

Boddington still has 20.4 per cent of JA Devenish after its unsuccessful bid for the West Country brewer last year. Mr Cassidy refused to state his intentions for the stake, bought at 210p a share, against the current 232 p. "It is a strategic stake in a changing industry, and we have a series of options open to us." Boddington can bid again in June.

Interest payments jumped to £6.48 million (£2.93 million), reflecting the cost of the Devenish stake. Gearing rose from 22 to 45 per cent.

There is a £7.46 million extraordinary charge, £3.27 million for the Devenish bid and £4.19 million provision for withdrawal from London restaurants. The final dividend rises to 4.25p (3.85p), giving 6.6p (6p) for the year. Fully diluted earnings climb to 13.6 (13.4p) a share.

French subsidiary helps Hepworth ride recession

HEPWORTH, the building products group, withstood the worst of the recession last year because of the strong performance of Saunier Duval, its French boiler-making subsidiary. Pre-tax profits fell 21 per cent to £70.4 million.

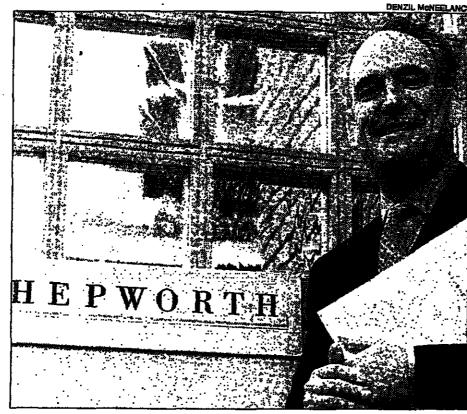
The group was saved from a more serious decline by strong growth in its Europe-

The profit contribution from Saunier Duval, which the group bought for £154 million in 1990, rose 74 per cent to £22.9 million. Hepworth is maintaining its final dividend at 9.35p, to make an unchanged 14.85p.

Hepworth, where John Carter is the new chief executive, was rescued from a far worse performance thanks to its decision five years ago to diversify from its traditional ceramic piping business. Pro-fessor Sir Roland Smith, the chairman, said that the group had been transformed into a successful European

Turnover in continental Europe grew 37 per cent to £255 million, but in Britain fell 16 per cent to £419 million because of the slump in the construction industry. Hepworth made strong gains in most European markets especially Spain where sales nearly doubled to £46 million because of heavy demand for

gas boilers. Profits in the building



New face: John Carter becomes chief executive as the group targets Europe

cent to £20.6 million. Hepworth's clay piping business. which five years ago accounted for more than half its profits, contributed only £10 million because of a slump in demand from the commercial construction market.

David Lemon, the business development director, said he expected demand to fall further this year but this would be offset by growth in the group's plastic piping busi-

ness, and in European markets, particularly Germany. Hepworth's home products division recovered towards the end of the year to increase profits by a tenth to £16.8 million, despite a 20 per cent fall in sales of garage doors,

its main product. The group continued to cut costs and shed 700 jobs during the year. It spent £30 million on new plant and equipment, however, and

bought LPS/CPE, a French refractory maker, for £6.3 million in January last year, which contributed £1.1 million to profits. Strong cash flow helped to reduce net debt

E6.5 million to E57.5 million. Mr Lemon said there were slight signs of an improve ment in the housebuilding market but not in commercial property. Hepworth would continue to develop its business into Europe.

Software group bucks the

trend BY OUR CITY STAFF

DESPITE difficult economic conditions, Micro Focus Group, the Berkshire-based computer software group, continued to buck the trend with another resilient

Pre-tax profits advanced by 22.8 per cent to £18.1 million in the year to end-January, on group revenue ahead 20.2 per cent to £55.9 million. America continued to be the group's dominant market. accounting for about 57 per cent of sales.

Paul O'Grady, the chairman, said that the group was aiming to be in a good position to take advantage of the expected business upturn later in the year.

He added: "If the upturn occurs and is reflected early enough in our marketplace we would hope to achieve substantial earnings growth for the year as a whole."

The group's cash balances increased by £10.6 million to £30.9 million, with interest income up from £1.15 million to £1.66 million. Diluted earnings rise from 65.49p a share to 83.1p, although the board is continuing its policy of not paying a dividend.

Adam Page, at County NatWest, expects current year pre-tax profits to rise to £22.8 million. The shares, which have

enjoyed a meteoric rise aided by American demand, firmed 8p to £22.23, against last year's low of 711p. About 40 per cent of the equity is in

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BSN lifts dividend

as profits advance

BSN, the French food group and one of victors in the battle for Perrier, reports a 26.5 per cent rise in net income to Fr3.91 billion for last year. The rise was partly due to non-recurring provisions and the Fr3.1 billion sale of the Pommery and Lanson champagne brands to LVMH. The final dividend goes up from Fr13 to Fr14.50, making Fr21.75 (Fr19.50). There will a one-for-ten scrip issue in August.

BSN will soon add another famous name, Volvic mineral water, to its large portfolio of brands, which includes HP Sauce and the Kronenbourg and Peroni beers. The Fr3 billion acquisition of Volvic comes as part of a deal with Nestle to divide Perrier after the French mineral water group succumbed to Nestle's hostile bid earlier this week

GKN expands in Asia

GKN, the engineering group, is expanding its activities in automotive driveline systems manufacturing through the establishment of a joint venture company in Malaysia. The venture will supply constant velocity driveshafts to south-east Asian markets. Under the terms of the venture, the group will invest up to M\$10 million (£2.25 million) in starting the company, to be known as Asian Driveshaft, GKN will company, to be known as Asian Driveshaft. GKN will initially own 50 per cent, reducing its interest to 40 per cent with the participation of non-Malaysian shareholders.

Bunzl sells to Arjo

ARJO Wiggins Appleton, the paper group, has agreed to buy some paper businesses in Britain and America from Bunzl. It will pay £10.2 million in cash, with about £7 million when the deal is completed and the rest over five years. The business are hospital and medical paper operations at the state of the paper operations are hospital and medical paper operations. High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Bunzl Speciality Materials in Atlanta, Georgia. Burnzl will keep its site at High Wycombe and Arjo will move manufacturing equipment from there to its mill in South-West France.

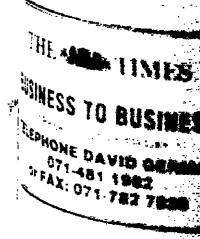
Blick places shares BLICK is raising £3.7 million through a share placing with

institutional investors at 325p a share. The issue has been fully underwritten by Kleinwort Benson and the broker to the placing is Kleinwort Benson Securities. The funds will be used to acquire portfolios of rental and maintenance contracts for electronic equipment. A number of potential acquisitions are under consideration and negotiations are currently taking place for the purchase of one portfolio in

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Southern EC states expected to resist transport reforms

Lord Brabazon, transport nised "fifth freedom" rights, minister, will encounter stiff resistance in Brussels today from southern European Community states wanting to hold on to their transport monopolies after January 1.

In general, Britain and its northern Community neigh-bours back the European Commission's plans to open up air, road and maritime transport markets in the 1993 internal market so that Community companies can operate services wherever they want in the EC.

In air transport, Community governments have recog-

Frogmore takes legal action

FROGMORE Estates, the property group, is taking legal action against BCPH, a private company controlled by the Berger family that took over Land Investors for £74

David Wilmot, Frogmore's finance director, refused to comment on the nature of the claim. Frogmore's interim results yesterday showed that the company has spent

£503.000 pursuing it. Last year, Land Investors went into liquidation with liabilities of more than E300 million, including £100 million owed to it by BCPH, which was wound up last May. Frogmore said pre-tax profits were doubled to £4.3 million for the six months to end-December. The interim dividend rises 6.25 per cent

Page pays out

Michael Page Group, the recruitment agency, is main-taining its dividend despite a 27 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £3.52 million in the year to end-December. The final dividend is being maintained at 1.2p, giving share-holders an unchanged total of 1.8p for the year. Earnings are 3.75p a share (4.71p).

News Corp

The News Corporation. Australian international media group that owns The Times, has raised US\$300 million in ten-year zero coupon exchangeable subordinated notes through News America Holdings, its main American holding company.

Medeva leaps

Medeva reported a 317 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £16.7 million (£4 million) in 1991, doubled the year's dividend to 1.5p a share, and established a joint venture in

which come into effect for airlines from Jan 1. These will allow, for example, British Airways to fly from London to Paris, collect passengers and fly on to Rome.

Britain wants this principle extended so that BA can operate services from Paris to Rome, regardless of any con-necting flight from London. This "seventh freedom" is op-posed by France and southern states, but diplomatic sources in Brussels say agreement on this measure is likely by the end of the year.

More contentious is the

idea that BA should be able to fly from London to Paris and then on to a domestic French destination such as Marseilles — a process known in Community jargon as consecutive cabotage. This, along with full cabotage, where BA could simply start its own domestic services within France, are anathema to the Mediterranean countries with strongly protected nat-

The Netherlands and Ire-iand support Britain on cabo-tage, but Germany is reluctant to accept the commission's proposals to the fullest extent. It says shorthaul domestic flights should be curtailed because of the environmental damage they

Commission sources are sceptical that this could be a thinly veiled excuse for protectionism, but German officials say increasingly busy airports such as Frankfurt need to give up domestic slots

encourage travellers to switch to the German rail network. Ministers will also discuss extending fifth and seventh air freedoms to Sweden and Norway at today's meeting. In road haulage, a similar

North-South divide exists, although Germany is in the southern camp. An experimental cabotage scheme has operated in the Community for two years, with 1,200 cabotage permits available for British hauliers wishing to bring goods back after a trip to continental Europe.

Officials say only 40 per cent of the permits, available

from the Department of Transport in Newcastle, have been used, but that this is because haulage companies need the flexibility to decide whether they want to pick up a load in continental Europe when they get there, and cannot be expected always to plan ahead Most British hauliers that

have experimented with cabotage have been drawn by the lure of the German market, where there are statutory rates for transporting goods. The government says it is nonsensical for Germany to keep minimum charges in the haulage market because that defeats the idea of cabotage -to offer more competitive

Germany is reluctant to restructure its road haulage industry until other states impose higher taxes on hauliers. It says the high road duties charged on its trucks would put other Community companies at an advantage in a deregulated market.



Bleak outlook: Sir Michael Colman, chairman of Reckitt & Colman, sees no sign of end to recession

Reckitt posts an increase in profits

By Jon Ashworth

RECKITT & Colman, the food and household products group, saw pre-tax profits rise 7.3 per cent from £235.2 million to £252.3 million in spite of lacklustre

world trading performance. A final dividend of 9.55p (8.7p) makes a total of 15.1p (13.6p) for the year, a rise of 11 per cent. The group has almost fully absorbed Boyle-Midway, the American household products and toi-letries group, which it bought for \$1.25 billion in

March 1990.

Additional financing for the deal has prompted net interest charges to more ing ones. Reckitt &

million to E40.3 million. Sir Michael Colman, the chairman, said that there was no sign of an end to the recession in Britain and America. Sales had suffered, but the inclusion of Boyle-Midway with its Woolite de-

tergent and Wizard air fresheners had added extra North America contributes 30 per cent of group sales but only 18 per cent of trading profits. Raising margins in America is now a priority, and the group is

Colman's brands include Dettol disinfectant, Lemsip, and Harpic lavatory cleaner. Continental Europe contributes 26 per cent of sales and the UK 18 per cent. Operations in Latin America and Australasia add 10 per cent each and the

group's South African divi-

sion contributes 6 per cent. Vernon Sankey, who suc-ceeded John St Lawrence as chief executive in January. said the group intends to focus on organic growth rather than expanding by acquisition. The purchase of Boyle-Midway was its larg-

Australasia like North America, has been badly af-

there are signs of growth in South-East Asia, where sales of Dettol and Disprin, in particular, have taken off. Political uncertainty and high inflation has affected operations in South Africa. The group disposed of its

wet baby foods and pet food operations there last year. Latin America has been relatively stable with the exception of Brazil, which has proved disappointing. Mexico showed strong performance.

The group is selling its American spice and seasonings operations, subject to approval by the federal

Defence cuts hit **US orders** of durables

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

A SLIGHT decline of 0.1 per cent in orders to American factories for durable goods last month, led by a substantial plunge in the defence sector, was greeted with disappointment yesterday by the Bush administration.

White House officials were quick to argue, though, that a 19.4 per cent fall in defence equipment orders accounted for most of the bad news in the February figures released yesterday by the United States Commerce Department. Non-defence durable goods orders rose a modest 1.3 per cent.

Most economists here believe that the February figures continue a series of monthly increases and de-creases in which no clear trend has yet been estab-lished. The Bush administration had been cheered by a 2.4 per cent increase in January durable goods orders and had cited it as a further sign of economic recovery. In December, orders plunged 5

per cent.
Last month, shipments of durable goods, a measure of current production, were up 2.9 per cent, the tenth in-

crease in 11 months.

But there was a 2.4 per cent fall in non-defence capital goods orders. These orders are a gauge of industry's plans for expansion and mod-ernisation. Orders for indus-trial machinery and equipment fell 1.4 per cent in February after rising 5.9 per cent in January Primary metals orders rose 7.9 per cent. Orders for electronic and electrical machinery fell 1.9 per cent after a 5 per cent decline in January.

In advance of the comnerce department's report. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, turned away questions about whether the economy has enough momentum to guarantee

"The economic statistics are still embryonic, and not many economists are predicting exactly how this is going to play out. We'll just have to wait and see," he said. But other indicators suggested that the economy is rebound-ing. Sales of existing homes surged 9.3 per cent in February, the steepest gain in six

According to the National Association of Realtors, there were more than 3.5 million sales, the highest rate since April 1986. Home sales rose in all regions, although the biggest increase, 17.9 per cent, was recorded in the west. "In most areas of the nation, the housing market appears to have settled on a course of recovery," said Dor-Tempos, page 22 president.

Cookson goes on with restructure

of £1.31 billion (£1.94

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

COOKSON Group, which 18 months ago nearly sank under the weight of debt, has set aside Ell million out of 1991 pre-tax profits to cover a further series of rationalisa tion measures.

The programme which should largely be completed in the first half of 1992, will jobs, though none in Britain. Cookson says it will trim operations and close down and consolidate various sites in America, and in Europe it will cut back on certain ceramics activities.

The group cut total gearing (including convertible preference capital) from 82 per cent to 51 per cent in 1991, and aims to bring it down to the mid 30 per cent level in 1992. Cookson yesterday report-ed pre-tax profits of £34 million for the year to December,

compared with £97 million earned in 1990, on turnover

There was a similar £5 mil-

lion charge in 1991 against operating profits for redun-dancy and rationalisation; and a £19 million (£31 million) charge as an extraordinary item in 1991, taken below the profits line. This business closures. Net interest charges fell from £73 million to £25 million.

After taking account of rationalisation charges, net earnings were 1.8p a share (12.5p). The group is maintaining its final dividend at 3p, making an unchanged 6p

a share for the year.

The total Cookson headcount was 13,000 at endDecember, against 15,000 a
year previously. This may fall to 12,000 in 1992. Cookson's restructuring in the past two years has had a significant adverse effect on shareholders' funds, but the March 1991 rights issue helped put shareholders' funds at £425 million at 1991 balance sheet date, against £418 million at

end-1990. Fergus Munro, finance director, says that though 1991 results reflect the severity of the recession, better trading was evident in the second half of 1991 and "we believe we are now on the mend".

Austrian pulp group sells stake

MINORCO, the Luxembourg investor in international resources, Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining company. De Beers Centenary, the dia-mond group, and Mondi, the South African paper concern, are paying \$190 million for a
44.4 per cent stake in Frantschach, the Austrian

In the year ended last June, Frantschach reported turn-over of \$1.03 billion and pretax profits of \$12.9 million. It employs 6,000, and is privately owned by an Austrian

family.
The 44.4 per cent investment will be held by Mondi Europe, in which Anglo holds 46 per cent, Mondi 5 per cent, Centenary and associates 28 per cent and Minorco 21 per cent. The \$1.025 billion cash injection, being financed from outside of South Africa, will be invested directly into the company, the consortium said.

In November 1990, the consortium bought from Frantschach a 49 per cent stake in Neusiedler company, of Austria, one of Europe's biggest producers of photo-

copy and business forms.

The consortium says the latest acquisition is a further step in establishing a sub-stantial European forest products base.

City surprised by speed of

BARRATT Developments is back in the black. Eight months after the return of Sir Lawrie Barratt, the housebuilding group's founder, the company has reported pre-tax profits of £2.5 million for the six months to December.

The profits were a pleasant orise for the City, which had expected Barratt to take longer to recover from the E106 million loss it reported in September.

Barratt's return to profit means that Sir Lawrie will again receive a regular pay cheque. When he took over from John Swanson as chairman last July. Sir Lawrie undertook not to receive his £220,000-a-year salary until the company was making a profit again. Now Barratt had been restored to profit, Sir Lawrie said, he would be paid for the full period since his return.

The shares jumped 8p to 65p as Sir Lawrie said that group debt had fallen £97 million since he took over, reducing balance sheet debt to £108 million and gearing to 63 per cent. A further £25 million of debt is held off balance sheet.

"We have made extremely good progress since the major restructuring that took place last July," said Sir Lawrie.

Barratt recovery to £2.5m

During the half year, the company sold 2,128 new houses at an average price of about £81,000. Although the group as a

whole returned to profit, Barratt is still losing money in the south of England and in California, where 203 homes were sold during the half

Losses, however, are considerably reduced in both cases, with the £3 million operating loss in the south of England comparing with a £17 million loss in the same period a year ago. The Californian operation produced a pre-tax loss of £3.8 million. This compared with the £6.3

million profit made by the British operation overall. Since Sir Lawrie took over, six subsidiaries have been closed and the group's

workforce has been cut from 2,500 to 2,000. Sir Lawrie said he believed

that the house price correction had now run its course and that the conditions for a revival of the housing market did exist. Despite the return to profit, there was no interim dividend (3.21p). But Sir Lawrie said the restoration of dividends was one of his main priorities now that profitability had been restored.

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LAMBERT HOWARTH Pre-tax: £3.26m (£2.86m) EPS: 39.3p (31.1p) Div: 8.5p, mkg 12.5p **DOLPHIN PACKAGING** Pre-tax: £3.03m (£3.17m) EPS: 10.59p (10.89p) Div: 2.8p, mkg 4.5p BRIDPORT-GUNDRY (Int) Pre-tax: £172,000 EPS: 1.66p (1.12p) Div: 1.5p (1.5p) **ORIEL GROUP (Fin)** Pre-tax: £2.81m (£2.11m) EPS: 13.11p (11.15p) Div: 3.2p, mkg 5p (4.5p) PRESSAC HOLDINGS Pre-tax: £605,000 EPS: 1.53p (3.9p) Div: 0.75p (0.75p) RICHARDSONS WEST. Pre-tax: £1.76m (£2.21m) EPS: 5.88p (6.19p) Div: 1.7p, mkg 2.9p GIBBS & DANDY (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £754,000 LPS: 6.9p (8.2p) Div: Nil (nil) ASPEN COMMS. Pre-tax: £1.7m (£4.1m) EPS: 8p (21.1p)

Div: 2.2p, mkg 4.9p

EPS: 2.21p (2.01p) Div: 1p (0.9p)

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Final results. Last time's total dividend was 11.25p. Exceptional deduction of £320,000. Turnover rose to £48.6m (£45.7m). Final results. Last time's total dividend was 4.3p. Sales fell to £27.8m (£28.1m). Net interest

charge cut to £376,000 (£851,000). Comparative figures are restated. Last time's profit was £163,000. Turnover fell to £13m (£16m). Net exceptional gain of £140,000. Income rose to £12m (£8.76m). Extraordinary debit of £297,000.

Interim results. Last time's profit was £1.15m. Turnover declined to £16.4m (£17.8m). Exceptional charge of £169,000.

Final results. Last time's total dividend was 2.75p. Sales rose to £45.4m (£40.8m). Company said the market remains flat. Last time's loss was £757,000.

Final results. Last time's total dividend was 8.1p. Exceptional debit of 2440,000. Turnover was £55.6m (£62.8m). Interim results. Gross rental and investment income rose to £8.39m (£7.61m). The Leeds office

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EC launches Perrier deal enquiry

Action taken will give solid platform for growth.

THE European Commission yesterday said it had "serious doubts" about the takeover by Nestle, the Swiss food group, of Source Perrier, and launched an enquiry into the

The taskforce of Sir Leon Turnover fell to £23.5m (£26.1m). Exceptional costs of £346,000. Outlook is uncertain. Brittan, the competition commissioner, is sceptical of a move that has left Nestlé as the world's largest mineral water group, with more than 50 per cent of the French market "You've got just two companies dominating an expanding market," said a commission source. "We can't yet development is now complete. say what the implications of this are, but our initial

thought is that there are serious competition problems." The worldwide mineral water business is growing at between 8 and 10 per cent a year, and analysts say profit margins in the sector are as high as 20 per cent.

The only deal blocked so far by Sir Leon's task force was last year's bid for De ain, Vichy in France, and Havilland, the Canadian Arrowhead and Poland plane maker, by the Franco-Italian ATR group. Commission sources refused to draw parallels between the two. Nestlé will have room for cheesemaker, could change



FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

Sir Leon: sceptical

manoeuvre if the commission does block the deal because it could sell parts of the Perrier water empire to reduce its share of the French and EC

itself also owns Vittel.

Nestlé has already agreed to sell Perrier's Volvic to BSN, and Perrier's other saleable interests include Ashbourne and Buxton Spring in Brit-Springs in America. Nestle hands as Nestlé looks to fi nance its deal. Analysts believe Perrier's 56 per cent stake in Roquefort could be worth Fr700 million. Under EC merger laws that took effect in 1990, the com-

mission has four months to approve the takeover, veto it, or approve it with modifications. Restructuring could well be the final solution for the Perrier takeover, Sir Leon has made it clear he prefers to correct competition problems this way rather than by blocking mergers altogether.

☐ Sir Leon Brittan has said Brussels will try to make cross-border bank transfers cheaper and quicker by "a cumulative, not a big bang

Unveiling his "users' charter" that aims to ensure banks take notice of the grievances of small businesses and individual customers. Sir Leon gave several examples of bank charging incompatible with the EC's single market.

In one, a colleague bought a book in Luxembourg with a Belgian cheque for 213 Caves de Roquefort, the francs; the final cost to him, Prince of Wales's favourite

recovering from a low of

3,251. The news that durable

goods orders fell 0.1 per cent

last month, compared with

expectations of a 1 per cent

Woolworth gives boost to Kingfisher

WHATEVER the colour of the government on April 10, Kingfisher looks to have covered itself. In the past year it has made a disclosable contribution to Conservative party funds. has supported fund-raising ventures by the Labour party. and has a senior executive helping to run the campaign of Paddy Ashdown, leader of

the Liberal Democrats. However, the company's political risk does not end there. A rise in interest rates after the election of a Labour government and before the key Easter trading period would put further pressure on margins at B&Q. These fell from 10.6 per cent to 8.8 per cent last year in the face tcut-throat price

competition.

Profits from B&Q fell by 6
per cent to £90.3 million compared with a 3 per cent increase in group pre-tax profits to £221.8 million. Longer term, overcapacity seems certain to knock out one of the leading DIY groups, but until then B&Q's margins will remain vulnerable to a further deepening

of the property slump.
That Kingfisher, headed by Geoffrey Mulcahy, again exceeded market expectations was largely due to a strong performance from the Woolworth stores where profits rose from £63 million to £71.4 million, and a substantially reduced interest bill. The group ended the year have been repaid at the with borrowings down to remarkable rate of £20 mil-

£119 million and gearing cut to a mere 11 per cent.

A blockbusting acquisition looks unlikely in the short term given Mr Mulcahy's cautious instincts, but some analysts believe that Kingfisher will be forced to open up a new sector in the medium term.

The shares currently trade on a small premium to the market at about 14.5 times expected earnings in the current year, when profits will reach about £240 million. The company has quality management and is capable of grinding out small profit and earnings increases each year. However, the clouds still hanging over B&Q means the shares are no stronger than a hold.

Barratt

Sir Lawrie Barratt appears to have made remarkable progress since returning as Barratt Developments last

The return to profitability, albeit an interim pre-tax-profit of only £2.5 million, should not be too much of a surprise at a company that has written down the value of its British land bank nearly £90 million during the last year. More impressive is the progress made in tightening cash controls.

In five months, borrowings



Top table: Geoffrey Mulcahy yesterday after Kingfisher exceeded expectations

The same sources are offer

ing further scope in the second half, with longer-term

disposals also planned from the £13 million of remaining commercial property and the over-large Californian land bank of 4,500 plots. Assuming full-year sales of

about 5,000 units, it looks

possible that pre-tax profits

will be £8 million with a

nominal return to the divi-

200

weeks to 12 weeks.

half year to end-December total net debt was £133 million, giving a gearing level

Most of this improvement has come from a sharp reduction in the number of unsold new and part exchanged

About £45 million has

MEDEVA: SHARES NUDGE

TOWARD PEAK AFTER

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been generated by reducing the stock of new hou 1.000, with a further £15 million coming from the sale of 200 houses accepted by Barratt in part exchange As a result, the company's

ready fallen to 900 and looks on a price/earnings multiple on course for the targeted 650 now that turnround time this year of 15 but of under eight next year. Buy. has been slashed from 22

Medeva

MEDEVA shares (a 1992 Tempus selection) have risen per cent since January and the 1991 profits outcome, showing the pre-tax figure up so sharply at £16.7 million, fully justifies this. The total dividend is doubled

to 1.5p a share. The jump from £4 million

stores group, were at the top end of expectations although

pre-tax profits were down.

The shares responded to the

increased dividend with a rise

of 5p at 485p.
The group's performance

failed to make much impres-

sion on the other retailers

with falls recorded in Argos.

black in the first half. The

shares greeted the news with

ganic and acquired growth. and was big enough to bring Medeva into the tax net for the first time, albeit at 18 per

Medeva makes no secret of its ambition to cross more international boundaries. The first step, probably of many, has been taken in America, and a foothold has been established in Europe. Obvious market targets include France, Italy and

Medeva has net cash holdings of £14 million, but there can be no disguising that the group will be making an equity call some time in

New products include hepatitis B technology and oral typhoid vaccines, and Medeva reiterates its preference for buying into research that is only a few experiments away from product registration. That way, financial rewards come faster than by backing re-search from scratch and waiting on experiments.

American investors, both private and institutional, have certainly taken to Medeva in a big way, and now own 25 per cent of the

Profits hopes in 1992 are for about £36 million pre-tax and at 296p, up 18p, the shares trade on 24 times prospective earnings. That is heady, but the rewards should still outweigh the

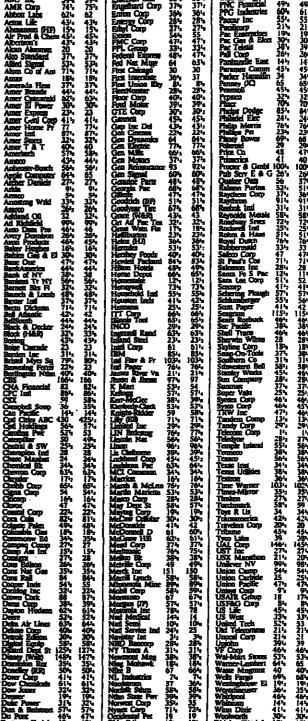
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rise, came a day after Ameri-New York - Blue chips fell in can carmakers reported a 2.7 morning trading as a decline in American durable goods mid-March. orders raised new fears about the economy. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 2.96 points to 3,258 after

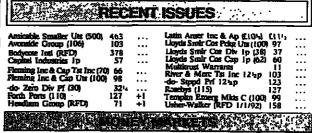
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STOCK MARKET

US taste for Guinness sends shares higher

GUINNESS, the stout and spirits producer, saw its shares marked 170 higher to 580p in the belief that American investors may have developed a taste for the company.

Dealers in London last night were pinning their hopes on the appearance of a few big buy orders from America after Warren

The recovery continues at Securiguard. Alan Baldwin, the chairman, is forecasting that, despite the recession, the group will continue to make headway. The group should produce pre-tax profits of at least £5.75 million this time, against £5.03 million last time. The shares were steady at 132p.

Buffett, the president of Salosecurities house, confirmed, after weeks of speculation, that he had built up a sizeable holding in the shares.

Mr Buffett has invested a total of \$264.8 million through Berkshire Hathaway, his investment company

seems that Mr Buffett was attracted by Guinness's quality brand names and its longterm growth prospects.

What has impressed Wall Street is that this is Berkshire Hathaway's first major investment outside America and it is hoped that Mr Buffett's faith in Guinness will also attract the support of other American fund

Berkshire Hathaway's holding in Guinness was valued at year-end and traders in London are not ruling out the possibility that it may have continued adding to its

The flurry of activity in Guinness also spilled over into the rest of the drinks sector, with Allied adding 12p to 620p, Bass 5p to 528p, and Scottish & to 454 p.

The rest of the equity market posted another lacklustre performance, with prices fluctuating in thin trading as investors remained firmly entrenched on the sidelines as the main political parties continued to slug it out on the

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sap Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar ing on Wall Street enabled

the FT-SE 100 index to end the session with a small gain on the day, closing 6.2 up at 2,464.9 as only 425 million shares changed hands. A steadier performance by

of £'s at the longer end. P&O jumped 25p to 441p as investors continued to reflect on this week's trading news. Broker Smith New Court is reckoned to have been a big buyer of the shares. Smith's own share price rose

ment securities to score gains

6p to 98p after it won damages of almost £11 million against Citibank, the American bank, for the role its own broker played in the Ferranti share deal in 1990. Reckitt & Colman fell 6p to

in full-year pre-tax profits. The meeting with analysts and some brokers are now urging clients to switch into Smith & Nephew, 1 2p cheaper at 146p. Full-year figures from Kingfisher, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q

a rise of 8p to 65p.
Steetley, the building products group, advanced 6p to

372p as the noon deadline today for Redland's £615 million bid drew nearer. Talk in the marketplace suggests Redland's increased offer will be enough to win the day after Steetley's proposed merger of with those of Tarmac was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Redland finished 11p firmer

Glave jumped 11p to 825p after further support on Wall Medeva, the fast-growing pharmaceutical group and one of the recommendations in Tempus for 1992, jumped Cable and Wireless rose

at 445p. Tarmac fell 6p to

131p as recent speculative support showed signs of run-

ning out of steam.

2p to 254p, Body Shop, 4p to 324p, Boots, 8p to 433p, Lloyds Chemists, 5p to 330p, Marks and Spencer, 5p to 302p, Next, 1p to 65 2p, and WH Smith A, 4p to 320p.

Barratt Developments, the housebuilder, pleased the 11p to 543p before a meeting with analysts in London tomorrow. Investors will, no doubt, be hoping market by returning to the

for some positive news to emerge from the meeting in order to revive the share price. Hoare Govett, the the shares to its clients yesterday.

18p to 296p — so coming high - after some better than expected full-year figures. These showed pre-tax profits soaring more than fourfold to £16.7 million, helped by a number of successful purchases. The search for further acquisitions continues.

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Lonrho needs a different rally

oday's annual meeting of Lonrho does not promise to be much like the usual triumphal shareholders' rally starring Tiny Rowland, the charismatic chief executive who, over 30 years, turned a small colonial relic into a conglomerate that spans four continents, features strongly among Britain's hundred most valuable companies and became the most prominent and visionary enterprise in Africa. Lonrho has almost always been controversial; scares have hit its shares at regular intervals. Over the past six months, however, things

have gone badly wrong.

Blow has followed blow in worrying succession. Key figures have departed, profits and dividends have tumbled and a question mark now hovers over one of the group's most profitable businesses. The confidence of big investors, built up despite enduring scepticism over the past few years, has evaporated. Lonrho's market value has crumbled from £1.6 billion to £670 million. This month its long-term debt has been relegated to below investment grade by the Moody's credit rating agency and its shares have even been ejected from the FT-SE 100 share index.

The latest share price tumble really started with an event far beyond Lontho's control - Robert Maxwell's death at sea last November. The shock wave of sentiment against other companies dominated by a single secretive tycoon soon hit Lonrho. Mr Rowland, a connoisseur of fallen entrepreneurs, even toyed with the idea of buying Mirror Group Newspapers. Harsher reality was to follow. It soon became clear that Lonrho needed to sell rather than buy, even though more domestic profits could do wonders to its tax fiabilities.

Mr Rowland seems to delight in teasing the City. He could hardly have annoyed the markets more on January 23 if he had tried. At noon, Lonrho announced the profitable sale of its stake in Kühne & Nagel, sending its shares up 13p to 167p. After the Stock Exchange officially closed, Lonrho revealed pre-tax profits for the year to end September down a quarter to £207 million and that its dividend, the main attraction to investors, was being cut sharply. That sent its shares back down as low as 115p. Unlike most leading groups, Lonrho does not reveal much detail in its preliminary profits statement, leaving investors and analysts to scrutinise the small print in its annual report more than almost any other. They found, a month later, that £33 million of the reduced profit came from property sales, that mining profits had disappointed and that British profits had crumbled to £19 million. Mr Rowland, now 74, relies on delivering the goods to shareholders to justify his eccentric corporate style and to disarm enemies ranging all the way from Edward Heath to Norman Tebbit. That attracts little sympathy if performance lapses.

aul Beaufrere, of James Capel, estimates that Lonrho's portfolio of assets might still be worth £3 a share, treble the share price, if they could be readily be sold. Since net debt was recorded at £1.1 billion, cash flow is not strong and the market expects first-half profit to be extremely low without disposal profits, this is likely to be tested. A clutch of Scottish newspapers and American oil properties have recently gone. Shareholders may be pecting something more to be announced today Desultory discussions have been reported over Western Platinum, the group's finest asset, with its South African partner Gencor as well as over cash raising from Ashanti gold mines and the Princess luxury hotel chain. The future of Lonrho's British Volkswagen concession looks limited.

To Mr Rowland's fans all this may seem petty compared to that pan-African vision, which finally seems in tune with the times. Sadly, Lonrho itself looks destined to be a one-generation creation.

British industry must improve standards to beat world's best

Mark Radcliffe, of

the CBI, says the UK can become an

even more important

player on the international stage

f the United Kingdom could win an extra 1 per cent of world trade, increasing manufac-tured exports about £10 billion a year, we would eliminate our trade deficit and build the foundations for economic recovery and sustainable long-term growth. That is the prime target set by the Confederation of British Industry's national manu-facturing council. Is it achievable?

Those pessimists who argue that the UK is a third-rate industrial power that no longer manufactures anything of consequence clearly think not. But consider the reality. The UK has roughly 1 per cent of the world's population, produces 4 per cent of world output and sells 5.6 per cent of world exports.

It is in the top six largest industrial economies, along with America, Japan, Germany, France and Italy. The latest export figures show manufactured export volumes at an alltime high; late last year they overtook those of France for the first time in decades. UK exports per head of population are 40 per cent higher than Japan and about dou-ble America's. Our share of the main manufacturing countries' exports rose from 7.9 per cent in 1985 to 8.7 per cent in 1990, reversing

forty years of steady decline.

Growth in UK value added per employee in the Eighties was second only to Japan. About 4 per cent of all companies in the world are British owned. The UK has 45 industrial companies in the world's top 500, compared with only 30 each for France and Germany. Six of Europe's top ten companies are British. These are not the attributes of a third-rate industrial power.

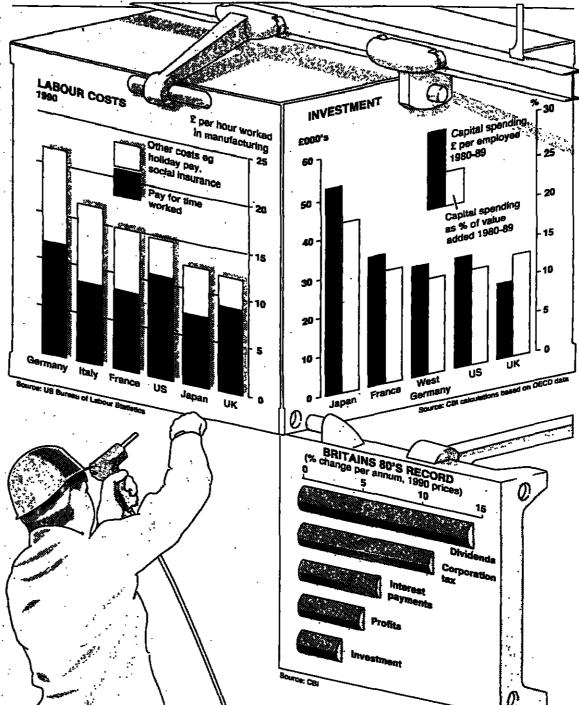
So what has to be done to take Britain higher up the world league and to make sure many more of our companies compete effectively with the best in the world?

We need to double annual spending on plant and machinery, from just under £2,000 to about £4,000 per employee (at current prices) by the end of the decade, to put investment on a comparable level with Japan, France, Germany and America. We must invest more in the transport system to cut the cost of traffic congestion, currently about £15 billion a year. Productivity must rise more than the 5 per cent a year achieved during the Eighties, particularly among companies employing fewer than 500 people, where the value added for every employee is much lower on average than that achieved by larger companies.

Indeed, we must bring the average level of productivity in British companies up to that of the world's best if the UK economy is to be truly

competitive and successful.

Manufactured goods account for half of all consumer purchases



(worth £176 billion) and 63 per cent . of exports (worth £85 billion). An efficient supply chain is essential if manufacturers are to satisfy customers' requirements for high-value,

quality products.

The CBI is promoting the concept of successful supply chains through a joint initiative with the trade and industry department on parntership sourcing. This seeks to ensure cusiomer and supplier co-operation in building a long-term relationship for the supply of well designed, highquality products at an agreed, competitive price. All companies need to have a continuing dialogue with their suppliers and customers to ensure the necessary resources are committed to the success of the chain. The process depends on mumal trust in the ability of each party to deliver. The ultimate supplier could be a multinational company

selling in intensely competitive global markets. For it to retain a competitive edge in product quality and delivery, its suppliers of goods and services must also produce to firstclass world standards.

This commitment to quality is

understood by the many manufacturers of components for the motor industry who are having continually to upgrade quality levels.

uality has been improving throughout industry and 14.000 establishments have been accredited to B\$5750- the guidelines for establishing a management quality system approved by the British Standards Institution.

The need to raise the standards of smaller suppliers, particularly those trading only in the home market, is also vital. On average, the traditional smaller firm, employing fewer than 200 people, invests for every employee about three-fifths of what is invested by firms employing more than 1,000 people. Yet together the

companies. Innovation needs to percolate through the supply chain. Potential ' realised only when each supplier continually improves his product range rather than simply producing to previously agreed specifications. The ultimate supplier must feed market and product research back so that his suppliers can respond to constantly changing consumer demands and market condi-

tions. For some goods, a three-month delay in responding to customer requirements can elimi-

nate up to 30 per cent of profits or

smaller firms account for about 32 per cent of total UK sales compared

with 36 per cent for the larger

even lose a market altogether. Prime responsibility for meeting the price, quality and performance standards of the world marketplace lies with Britain's 150,000 manufacturing companies; but both government and the financial community can

Government must ensure a stable economic climate, with low infla-tion, steady and sustainable growth and a fiscal system that encourages investment. The costs of a volatile economic cycle can be seen in the present recession with machine tool orders 40 per cent down on their 1989 peak and motor vehicle sales down 25 per cent.

An equitable tax base and fair regulatory environment in the UK and the European Community are essential if British manufacturers are not to be disadvantaged. The enlargement of our "home" market with the move to a single Europen market of 360 million consumers at the end of this year offers new

However, there is an underlying challenge. About 70 per cent of UK exports now go to western Europe, more than 50 per cent to the Com-munity. The bad news is that the Community's share of world trade is

ver the past ten years, it has declined from 26 to 21 per cent because customers in America and Third World markets have regarded European exports as too expensive and not as satisfactory as products from elsewhere. This is no time for the extensive interference of the EC social action programme, which will only lead to higher unemployment. especially among young people. It is competition and competitiveness not regulation - that create wealth.

Financiers need to provide funds that serve the interests of their customers in industry and provide a return to their shareholders. Investors need to take a long-term view to provide support and stability in the securities market.

All this is no more than enlightened self-interest. Manufacturers showed that between 1985 and 1990 they could achieve a return on capital that was more than 2 per cent higher than non-manufacturing companies; and, aware, exportorientated manufacturers have come through the recession better than many had dared hope -- 1991 manufacturing profits were better than in any single year in the sup-posed golden era of UK manufacturing, and only about 15 per cent (in real terms) below this all-time

The prizes are there for the winning. Success depends on a clear vision, with strategic targets backed by a strong, well trained management team and workforce committed to ever improving productivity and quality. There is no reason why Britain should not rise significantly higher in the world industrial league. The challenge is not just to compete with the world's best. We have to be better still.

The author is deputy director-gen-eral of the Confederation of British

Good cause with a twist

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IF Rupert Hambro, managing director of JO Hambro and one of the best-connected bankers in the City, asks you to support his latest cause the £500,000 The City Gives Tommy a Hand appeal fund your cheque, personal or corporate, had better be forthcoming. If not, the public at large will be indirectly informed. "It's not meant to be strong-arm tactics," says the eloquent Old Etonian. "In fact, some people suggested that we should publish an advertisement in the national press, listing those who had refused their support, but we decided that that would be pushing our huck." Instead, he and his fellow campaigners, Stephen Smith, of Bankers Trust, and James Nelson, of Foreign & Colonial, will publish a list of those who have supported the cause, the implication being that any prominent individual not on it will be conspicuous through absence. The £500,000 will be raised by way of an "offer for sale" and will form part of the £5 million Tommy's Campaign - patron the Duchess of York - to build a new National Centre of Excellence in Fetal Health at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Appropriately, given the nature of the cause, they have given themselves nine months to complete the deal.

Horse trading

WHO said times were hard? The Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society has raised a total of £50,100 for its Grand National sweep-



day it drew the names of the ticket holders for the big day. Of the 72 potential runners, 40 are expected actually to run. The lucky SE member with the winner's ticket stands to gain £20,000, the runner-up £10,000, while anyone holding a ticket for a horse that actually makes it on to the course will pick up £160. Even those with tickets for the 30 or so non-runners will receive a payout of E50.

Going for broke

LONDON Global Securities is determined to raise £10,000 for the Cancer Research Campaign. So determined, in fact, that just two weeks after the London Marathon it will submit two of its brokers to a second gruelling physical ordeal in the shape of Fitness '92, a multi-discipline sports competition involving nunning, rowing, swimming and weight-lifting, which LGS is staging at the Barbican Health and Firness Centre in London on April 25. Ray Hainsby, aged

29, and Chris Clark, aged 26, are both confident that they will have recovered from the marathon in time to enter the Barbican event, a confidence that may have something to do with the fact that neither has subjected himself to a marathon before. Jane King, aged 24, is the third member of the team. Other stock lending firms with athletes equally confident of their physical prowess can put their teams to the test by contacting Mike Hiard at LGS. Teams must comprise two men and one woman and the entry fee, which goes to Cancer Research, is £250 per

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tional pamphlet published by

the corporate finance division of Touche Ross has been circulating with great speed among accountants in rival firms, and its circulation has been causing - among accountants at least - something of a stir. The cover features an international league table of accountancy firms, ranked according to total deal value in 1991, with another table listing "financial advisers" similarly. Touche Ross, which credits Corporate Money with compiling the tables, is ranked third in the first one and sixth in the second. Fine so far, except that brackets alongside the Touche Ross name indicate that, in 1990, it had been top of the first table and fourth in the second. "Hardly something we would want to shout about," says an amused

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BUSINESS ETTERS

Overshoot remedies From Mr Ian Amstad

Sir. In your front-page article on March 17, "Labour loads taxes on the rich", your political editor referred to the muted City reaction to John Smith's budget proposals, and Labour's disadvantage in not being able to rely on

privatisation proceeds. However 1993/94 is when the fun really begins, because only about £1 billion of privatisation receipts are on stream, and the government's projection of a deficit of £32 billion assumes £5.5 billion of privatisation proceeds. This alone implies that the PSBR could easily rise to £36-£37 billion under Labour.

Moreover, this is not the end of the story, because the economic forecasts in the government's Budget statement are widely believed to be opti-mistic. If recovery is postponed or aborted, the revenue base will be further undermined and borrowing will overshoot by even more.

The risk under a Labour government is that base rates will have to rise if the markets decide to test John Smith's commitment to sterling's ERM bands. This in turn could hit confidence, delay recovery, and lead to an unsustainable rise in borrowing in 1993/94.

Labour would then be faced with having to raise everybody's taxes and/or devalue sterling. If Labour wants to win credibility quickly and relatively painlessly, it should consider handing over the running of monetary policy to the Bank of England. Yours faithfully,

IAN AMSTAD. UK Economist. Bankers Trust Company, l Appold Street, Broadgate,

From Professor P. Newman Sir. British monetary

arrangements need serious political discussion and are not getting it. Under the workings of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) the severe but "local" shock of German monetary unification has saddled most of its ERM parmers with real interest rates that are appropriate not for their own sagging economies but for that of Germany. Moreover, as monetary policy in Germany con-fronts its continued involvement in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, these ERM-induced deflationary forces in the rest of Western Europe are likely to continue

indefinitely.

Both short and long-run prospects for British output and unemployment are therefore grim, in contrast to the reviving economies of America and Australasia. While real interest rates remain so cripplingly high, it is improbable that the limited deficit

German monetary unification affects all Europe ERM will prove more than a palliative, in spite of all the talk about "recovery"

One obvious and justified response to Germany's unification by her partners would have been to devalue against the mark. Since in recent years the ERM has in effect moved from a pegged to a de facto fixed exchange rate regime, agreement on such a move has always seemed Another response would be to press more rapidly towards

full economic and monetary union (EMU), on the grounds that a fully fixed-rate system, where the European Central Bank would be influenced by economic condi-tions in all the EMU countries, would be less deflationary than the present de facto fixed rate ERM led by Germany. The trouble with that solution is that, as shown by current debate there, Germany would quite naturally demand major political and economic concessions to comfinancing possible under pensate for relinquishing the

very real advantages of her monetary independence within the ERM.

Finally, Britain could leave the ERM altogether and let sterling float, thus unlocking monetary policy to bring about the greatly needed fall in real interest rates. Without strong and creative domestic monetary leadership, however, that response faces the real risk of a return to the long dreary decades of post-war Little Englandism, when incompetence and complacency were paid for by continual inflation and devaluation. Even the present ERM-induced stagnation might be

better than that. All the main parties in this election seem complacently content with the Treasury view" on these vital matters. Analogy with the 1925-31 period is distressingly apt. Yours faithfully.

PETER NEWMAN, Barnhouse. Whiteway Farm. Church Knowle. Wareham, Dorsei

Essential cocktail From Mr C. E. Payne

Sir, An interesting landmark was reached yesterday (March 20) when for the first time the Dow Jones index ended more than 800 points ahead of the FT-SE 100 index. On the face of it, this disparity would indicate a less optimistic attitude to economic recovery here than in

Hardly reassuring if you consider America's view of its present economic state. But, I would suggest that it also indicates the lessening of the ability to recover, and illustrates, therefore the loss of critical mass in the British economy in comparison with our American and European trading parmers.

To remedy this, we need

both new and sustained investment and the atmosphere to inspire the confidence to invest. I wonder which of our two main political parties will be able to produce this essential cocktail. Yours truly,

C.E. PAYNE. 8 Monmouth Road, W2.

The government is still not doing enough to prevent another pension fund scandal

From Mr Henry F. Bear Sir. The renewed demand by

MPs for action by central government to prevent a repeat of the Mirror Group Pension Fund scandal, generously covered by you (leader March 10), Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent, and Sean Hand still fails to emphasise sufficiently the basic weakness of the financial services system. call for no evidence of trustee

Reportage over the months has led us to believe that plc funds, also, had been transferred to private off-shore companies owned by Robert Maxwell. The appalling fact

top" filched both pension fund and plc securities, but the ease with which it was possible to effect the fraud a loophole provided by the nominee system of share registration. Sean Hand touches briefly on this point, when referring to the proposed Taurus system and the "Uncertified Securities Regs. 1992" which, we are told, still

nominee holding. Thieving, regrettably, there will always be - a frailty of human nature. The greater

status to be attached to a

is not that "someone at the the stakes, the greater the temptation, though not the justification. The control system should make it difficult, not easier. Mr Hand reports also that

in 1990 31.4 per cent of all quoted securities belonged to pension funds, so it would seem that fund managers had some say in the creation of Taurus and the government legislation. Yet we still have a Securities Regulation from Westminster, ready for 1992/3, which not only perpetuates the loophole through which securities were stolen the nominee system — but.

if the Stock Exchange has its way, will enlarge the hole by putting all quoted securities into nominee names to simplify (sic) bargain settlement The City's brainchild, the Government's legislation. The only genuine tears are those of the pensioners.

Private investors, who may also be "bereaved" pensioners, and who have not been consulted about Taurus. would be well advised to "beware of the bull". Yours faithfully. HENRY F. BEAR. Clare Cottage, Brede,

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London and HK to sign Jardine listing deal

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

change plans to sign an agreement with the London exchange on the regulation of Jardine Matheson Holdings. the first Hong Kong group to shift its primary listing to London out of concern over the colony's return to China

When the Bermuda-incorporated British "hong" establishes a primary listing in London and a secondary listing in Hong Kong later this year, it will be subject to securities regulation in both cities. The Hong Kong and

Burn Stewart says forecast is on target

By COLIN CAMPBELL BURN Stewart Distillers, the independent Scotch whisky distiller that came to the stock market last November after a placing at 140p a share, says it is on target to meet a yearend pre-tax profits forecast of

£10.3 million. In its first interim report, the company shows pre-tax profits of £4 million for the six months to end-December on compared with £3.9 million on £18.9 million previously. Gearing, which was 250 per cent ahead of flotation, is now down below 50 per cent.

Bill Thornton, the chairman, said that trading in the second half should improve and margins would benefit from lower cost whiskies laid down in earlier years. Flotation proceeds have cut bank

There is still pressure on trading because of tough economic conditions, but the company has repeated its prelisting pre-tax profits forecast of £10.3 million for the year to end-June. As announced previously, there is no interim dividend although Burn Stewart intends to pay a final dividend. The shares traded

THE Hong Kong Stock Ex- London exchanges will sign a memorandum of understanding, stating in particular that Jardine would continue to abide by takeover rules in Hong Kong.

Nigel Rich, Jardine's managing director, said yesterdays that the company had satisfied all requirements for a secondary listing in Hong Kong, and was awaiting final approval from the Hong Kong authorities before seeking shareholders' approval in

He announced record profits for 1991, with the group's net earnings rising 18 per cent to US\$270.8 million. There was also an extraordinary gain of US\$90.5 million arising from the flotation of ЛВ in London and the sale of properties in Hong Kong. Jardine Pacific, Jardine's

unlisted Hong Kong subsidiary, performed particularly well, boosting its profit 31 per JIB had an encouraging

year despite the upheavals in the London insurance

The group's listed asso-iates — Dairy Farm, Hongkong Land and Mandarin Oriental - all of which are seeking a primary listing in London, posted mixed results, with the retail and hotel

Jardine's earnings per share rose 14 per cent to US48.15 cents, and the net asset value per share was US\$3.06, up 15 per cent

A final dividend of US13 cents per share will be paid, making a total of US16.4 cents per share for the year up 15 per cent.

Henry Keswick, chairman, said the group had an excellent cash flow and a strong balance sheet but did not make any earnings forecast for this year.

"The early months have been quite encouraging and we are confident about

Adsteam will pay up after investigation

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

ADELAIDE Steamship said it would pay associate David Jones A\$3 million after an investigation into the share dealings of both companies in

1985 and 1986. The Australian Securities Commission alleged in De-cember that John Spalvins, former Adsteam managing director, and Michael Kent, the former finance director, had breached fiduciary duties over an agreement with an American stockbroker to deal



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Spalvins: 'no benefit'

in the shares. George Haines, Adsteam chief executive, said a company investigation had found that all profits from the share trading were received by Adsteam. Mr Haines add-"Messrs Spalvins and

benefit whatsoever. As a result of the investigation, Adsteam will credit the ac-count [of David Jones] with the sum of A\$3 million."

The ASC said that Mr Spalvins and Mr Kent had agreed with the broker, Jefferies that Jefferies would, on the advice of Adsteam or David Jones, buy or sell shares in the two companies. It said payments of up to US\$3.9 million may have been made by Jefferies to the credit of a non-resident United Kingdom company beneficially owned by members of

the Adsteam group.
A spokesman for the ASC said the action against Mr Spalvins and Mr Kent under the Companies Code had begun in December, but had not yet gone through the

Recovery in Scotland likely to be 'modest'

BY OUR CITY STAFF

RECOVERY from the current "persistent and lengthy" recession is unlikely to become apparent before the second half of the year, according to Scottish economists.

But the economy is still showing clear evidence of escaping the worst effects, said the Fraser of Allander Institute, an economic research body at Strathclyde University.

"By January, the rate of unemployment in Scotland was indistinguishable from the UK average, an event which has not occurred in more than a generation," the institute said in its quarterly economic commentary.

From March 1990 to January this year, Scottish unemployment rose 13 per cent, compared with a UK rise of

62 per cent and an increase of 128 per cent for south-east England.

The Budget of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, was clearly designed to boost to the economy, said the commentary. "However, the measures may not be enough to prevent Scotland from suffering some of the adverse consequences of a recession which

will not go away easily." Its latest forecast for Scottish output suggests a "very modest" rise of 0.2 per cent

But the commentary also says: "The forecast assumes that the favourable circumstances which have resulted in Scotland outperforming the UK during the course of the recession will unwind as recovery begins."

Mieno holds out against urgent Japanese rates cut

Cool customer: Yasushi Mieno pauses while defending his stand yesterday

YASUSHI Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan (BoJ), yesterday kept up his lone resistance to an urgent cut in Japanese interest rates, dismissing widepread fears in business and government that the economy is in danger of stalling. A finance ministry surve

on Tuesday, which showed business corporate confidence at a five-year low, followed government figures confirming that the economy stagnated in the final quarter. The depressed state of the Tokyo stock market has also been a source of official concern. A senior official in the ruling Liberal Democratic par-

ty told Reuters yesterday that the BoJ might not cut its official discount rate until late next week, but said there was no doubt that the central bank had already decided in principle last week to cut the rate. The official, who had expected an easing this week, said the monetary authorities had been unable to agree on the tim-

ing and size of the cut.
But Mr Mieno, speaking at one his regular news con ferences, showed no signs of yielding to the clamour for rate cuts. There is little possibility that the economy

will abruptly lose momentum as the government's fiscal 1992 budget will be implemented shortly." he said.

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

Although he indicated he was unaware of the content of the stimulative package the government is expected to introduce next month, he said it would be better to combine fiscal and monetary measures. But he underlined the central bank's independence when formulating monetary policy, reit-erating that the bank is still monitoring the effect of the interest rate cuts last year.

The BoJ last cut its official discount rate in December. The financial markets have been expected a further half point cut to 4 per cent in recent weeks, but mounting fears about the severity of the slowdown have raised hopes of a bigger cut, proba-bly by three quarters of a

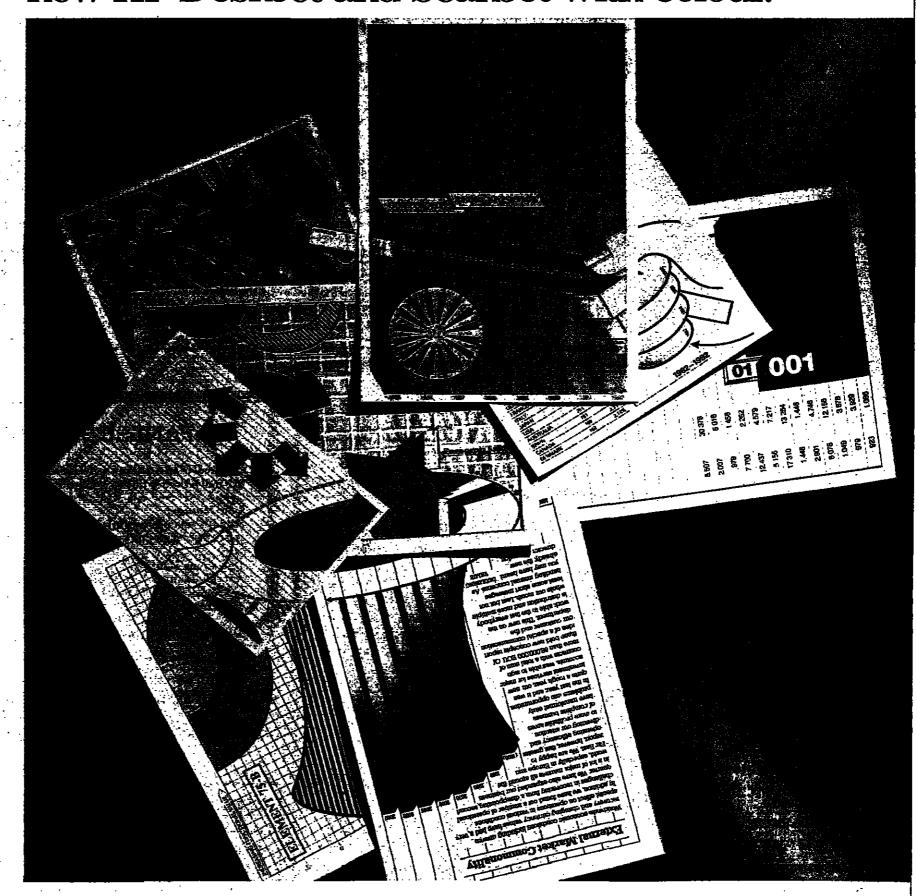
Robin Marshall, chief economist at Chase Investment Bank, said Mr Mieno's continued resistance to calls for a rate cut reflected the gradualist stance he had taken so far. "But the risk is that the Japanese economy faces a hard landing which will lead to the BoJ then having to do too much too late." Mr Marshall saw

paign" by Mr Mieno for monetary rectitude amid the recent financial-polit-

ical scandais. Mr Mieno argued that the slowing economy, while hitting the corporate sector hard, was simply adjusting to a position of sustainable growth with low inflation after growing too fast in the past. He saw the tight labour market and increased housing construction as signs that the downturn was not too severe, even though other indicators show

He dismissed suggestions that Japan's low money growth was hampering the economy. Broad money growth slowed to a record low in February for the third year on year rise of 1.6 per cent, according to preliminary figures. Mr Mieno said the annualised 0.2 per cent fall in the gross national product in the final quarter last year was no surprise, as the BoJ had predicted it. He acknowledged the slow-down had some peculiar lapse of the "bubble economy", which could worsen balance sheets in the finan-

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David Ward looks at the implications

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moving the Budget to December

Chancellor ₹ he opened his Budget speech by announcing a change in the established pattern of managing government finances. Instead of announcing gov-ernment expenditure plans each November and then having the Budget in March, he would, in future, do both

in December. As both Labour, the Liberal Democrats and many independent commentators have suggested similar changes, it seems safe to assume that this proposal will go through regardless of the outcome of the election; indeed Neil Kinnock said as much in his immediate reply to the Budget.

Although we may speculate whether the change will actually make much difference to the economic management of the country, it will certainly change the work patterns of the tax accountant.

For complex historical rea-sons, the control of the state's income from taxes and duties is constitutionally vested in Parliament, but the control of expenditure is the responsibility of government, with Parliament merely being able to accept or reject its proposals. This dichotomy is at the heart of the existing system. Each November, the gov-

ernment's expenditure plans give quite detailed figures for the financial year starting the next April, and also outline plans for the next two or three years. The March Budget then deals with tax revenues, but for the next year only.

The Budget, apart from covering such matters as the level of tax rates, can also range from minor technical amendments to restructuring of the entire tax system. Changes may take effect from Budget day, sometimes earlier where loopholes are being blocked, although the legislar them into effec may not be known in its final form until the summer when the new Finance Act receives the royal assent.

This must happen no later than August 5, otherwise taxes cannot be collected. There is little effective parliamentary control over government expenditure and, because of the secrecy that attends the



whole budgetary exercise, members of Parliament are excluded from detailed economic debate until after the main policy decisions have been taken. As costs and benefits of particular eco-. nomic options are indepen-dently planned over different time-scales, the interaction of tax and expenditure plans is not fully considered:

For several months, business and investment decisions may be hampered by uncertainty over the precise form of the tax law. Where the Budget announces structural tax changes that are per-ceived as unfair, there is little time to make representations because of the need to meet the August deadline. The same time constraint means that draft legislation that is highly complex and which should be reviewed thoroughly is, instead, considered only briefly.
Administratively, there are

numerous problems. Late in each tax year, the Inland Revenue and employers have to set up systems for deducting PAYE from salaries. Income tax rates and allowances are not normally known to the public until mid-March, so generally that work has to be carried out twice: in January on assumed figures and in April when the figures are known. Apart from the ad-ministrative costs involved,

this means that most people pay too much tax every April, unless tax rates increase when it can be too little. Furthermore, changes in national insurance contribution rates are traditionally announced. in November and have to be dealt with separately from income tax changes.

Under the proposed arrangements these changes can all be brought together with clear administrative savings. To a great extent, the Chancellor is proposing to do

If traditions of 'Budget purdah' go on, debate will continue to be hampered by a lack of prior notice of policy proposals

the same as at present but one month later, in the case of expenditure, and three months earlier, in the case of revenue, with an economic update in the summer. Thus, we shall have both an economic statement and a Budget in December 1993; Parliament will take its Christmas recess and, on its return in mid-January 1994, receive the draft finance bill for consideration; this will be passed into law no later than early May 1994. State finances should be properly planned and controlled. What is not clear is whether the economic debate under the new rules will improve. If existing traditions of "Budget purdah" continue, debate will continue to be hampered by a lack of prior

notice of policy proposals.

Moreover, the bringing forward of the target date for passing the annual Finance Act, given that the parliamentary Easter recess falls in the period of debate, means there will be little extra time for detailed discussion of

For the individual taxpay-

er, the earlier announcement of tax rates and allowances will reduce administration costs and tax reductions will be received that much earlier. However, there are likely to be even more anti-avoidance provisions than now to forestall exploitation of changes announced early. I cannot we had in 1988 when the higher rate dropped 20 percentage points will be announced four months in advance without controls on income planning opportunities. At least in 1988 we had a window of a few weeks.

One substantive difference between the old and new pro-cedures relates to the

ment is on the relatively few

Orders against individual au-

"Rooker-Wise" indexation of items such as tax allowances and bands. At the moment, they are index-linked by reference to the previous Decem-

ber RPI figure, but an earlier month, logically September, would have to be used in future. Thus, an already outof-date indicator will become more out of date. What is more, 1994-5 allowances would reflect only nine months' inflation unless October to December 1992 is double counted. Perhaps the odd tear could

be shed for the tax accountant. Most large companies have December 31 as their year end, so many time limits for submitting information, claims and elections to the Inland Revenue run out by that date. This already means that December is a hectic month in most tax departments, with the first months of the new year not much better: the prospect of setting a Budget in the middle of this is somewhat daunting.

Finally, the change in the Budget does not apparently foreshadow a change in the country's fiscal year. Apart from the Irish Republic, most of the EC has a fiscal year to December 31, but for us, April 5 seems as sacrosanct as driving on the left.

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ASB is facing the same old problem

SO FAR the regime of the Accounting Standards Board has been a friendly one. After all it was set up to be independent and to bring in rules that would both transform the United Kingdom's system of financial reporting and also enable the Financial Reporting Council, its parent body, to have a solid basis from which to police the results.

So the Accounting Standards Board shows a friendly face. It puts forward its work as eminently reasonable and full of commonsense. David Tweedie, the board's chairman, goes around the country, speaking to both preparers and users of accounts and attempts to charm them and to ensure that they know he means business.

Even the detail is friendly. When it puts is thinking forward for discussion, it comes in documents known as financial reporting exposure drafts — Freds. But eventually the

Accounting Standards Board has to come down to the unfriendly detail. Broad abstract proposals go down well. It is the fleshing out of the proposals and the calculation of their effect on specific businesses that brings out the niggles which will turn to furious rows. And so it has come about with Fred 1 — the Accounting Standards Board's wide-ranging proposals on the structure of financial state-ments. This rethinks the profit and loss account, attempts to climinate extraordinary items and alters the definition of earnings per share among its proposals. The idea is for the final standard to come into force by the middle of this year

to affect accounts prepared for December 1992 year-ends onwards. Last week was the deadline for interested parties to get their views on the exposure draft to the

Accounting Standards Board.
It is obvious from just a few of them that the old problems are back. In the past, the argument was that preparers of accounts held sway in the battle against accounting regulation and that they were clandestinely

aided and abetted by their auditors.

The reason this alliance worked was that there was no real way of enforcing the rules against the toughest of miscreants, all of whom, in any case, were arguing that their particular business was, of course, totally unique and would be inexplicably and unfairly harmed by following the same rules as everyone else.

So this time around the critics have to be more measured. But they also have to set

their markers for the future. In its submission, Ernst & Young solves the problem neatly. It takes, for example, the proposals on limiting the dafter ways that companies have been using extraordinary

items to boost their earnings per share figure. Everyone is in favour of limiting their use. Most leading accounting firms, including Ernst & Young, would want to ban them outright. "We accept" its says in its submission, "that SSAP 6 has long been abused by the excessive use of the extraordinary item category and we, therefore, agree that it is appropriate to limit its use to

very rare items.

"However, we think that the exposure draft is unnecessarily confusing; it provides a detailed definition of an extraordinary item which is not too dissimilar from that in SSAP 6, but then gives no examples, apparently because the Board is unable to imagine any circumstances which would meet the definition, which is a somewhat absurd proposition. Either the category should be banned altogether or some examples should be provided to

> to be applied." Then it points out that in any case the point about closing down extraor-dinary items is that it will possibly be a case of closing one door only to find another one opening. "We fear that an effective ban on extraordinary items will merely transfer the problem to exceptional items instead," it argues. It is down to the old problem of the accountancy culture. Financial reporting is carried out to produce the headline figures that the analysts want to see. It is not carried out to provide useful disclosure for the users. The auditors are then trapped in the middle. This is the problem partly addressed by the In-

illustrate how the definition is

stitute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in its submission. "The ASB", it says, "should adopt a more

focused approach to its requirements, looking to the needs of those for whom the financial statements are prepared, and should make the distinction between listed and unlisted companies rather than on a cost-benefit analysis."

The Accounting Standards Board itself will not be unhappy at all this. It has the time. The board also wants to be seen to be taking other people's views fully into account. If it was to be worried by anything, it should be by the remarks made by Ron Paterson, Ernst & Young's senior technical

partner.
"The real problem", he argued, "is the gullibility of analysts. If they were more perceptive then all of this would be less of a problem. But they are so easily taken in by

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Tackling the question of judgments or guesses

AUDIT

Robert

BRUCE

By EDWARD FENNELL

WHEN leading members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants appeared at peaktime Sunday viewing on BBC2 a few weeks ago, they found it hard to give an instant answer to the question of what an auditor means when he signs off a company's accounts as giving a "true and

Chris Swinson, of BDO Binder Hamlyn, looked stumped and stared at the ceiling. It was a pause for reflection, he later explained, to give a thoughtful response to the complexity encapsulated in an apparently simple question. A commentator had quickly proffered that true and fair was accountan-

cy-speak for "a guess". Mr Swinson and his colleagues have not earned plaudits among their fellows in the profession. Michael e, the head of audit at KPMG Peat Marwick, said: "The apparent inability of two leading members of the accounting profession to answer the question 'what is a true and fair view?' has raised a sense of horror among auditors." He argues that before accountancy standards were abused as a substitute for thought, leading auditors might more easily have said

that "true" was intended to

convey the essence of "correct", without pedantic accuracy, while "fair" recognised that a true statement may, nevertheless, give a misleading view. Mr Fowle concedes, howev-

er, that much explanation would then have been needed and that true and fair is "a concept no more capable of facile definition than its legal equivalent of equity".

The question raises crucial issues on the weight and au-thority attached to audited accounts. Can these apparently neutral facts and figures ever objectively define how things really stand?

Mr Fowle said: "Different accounting policies produce materially different results on the basis of the same facts." What is needed is the kind of common sense that comes from a reasonable, financially literate man or woman in order to make some judgment on those figures. Accounts, therefore, can never be simple, and those who need to make crucial decisions on them should not complain of having to read the small print.

At this point, the dilemma for the modern accountant is thrown into sharp relief. As Mr Swinson says: "Accounts are full of judgment — you

of truthful accounts." The crux is whether in making these judgments the accountant can hold aloof from the mood of the moment and deliver a sagacious, or dispassionate view, or whether, sometimes, the spirit of the times is more than even professional discipline can withstand.

can have an enormous range

Mr Swinson's view is that during the mid and late Eighties some accountants became infected by the general gung-ho optimism of the enterprise culture and allowed this to influence their judgments. Mr Swinson says: "The truth is not hard edged and certain. In selecting which judgment to make, the accountant has to be fair between the management and the users of the accounts."

Given the possibility of numerous interpretations of the meaning of a set of figures, many accountants will opt for the bright interpretation when the economy is booming, but incline to pessimism when it is in recession.

Mr Swinson fears that during the peak period of economic expansion accountants ran the risk of doing themselves out of business if they tended towards the gloomy view. As Michael Fowle notes: "The amounts to be provided for depreciation for fixed assets, or the amount at which stock in trade is to be stated, involve business judgments and are not merely arithmetical."

So what is the difference between a "business judgment" and a "guess"? The answer probably lies in the amount of care and calculation involved and the willingness to err on the side of caution. With a number of financial disasters behind them, the accountants are now much more willing to incline to caution.

The mood of the Nineties offers a chance for conservative judgment to become more fashionable. Accountants who offer downbeat views may no longer be regarded as old-fashioned wimps. "In the long term." Mr Swinson says, "the markets need conservative professionals,"

Ruling out an academic argument the audit practice. The focus of monitoring, as agreed with the trade and industry depart-

THE article, "Watchdogs must be forced to bark" (March 19), by Messrs Puxty, Sikka and Willmott, makes a wide-ranging attack on the corporate sector, auditors, and the accountancy institutes in their roles as stan-dard setters and regulators. It represents the latest chapter in the continuing campaign by these accountancy academics to discredit the profession as a vital element in a

The article makes the point that the system of corporate governance relies heavily upon auditors to alert the public to wrongdoing. Quite right. But in recent years, the essential triangular relationship between shareholders. management and auditor has become unbalanced.

That is why the Cadbury committee on corporate governance is currently occupied in conducting just such a root and branch examination of that relationship. The commitee, of which the accountancy profession is a chief sponsor, has received submissions from several sources. The profession has made a powerful case for strengthening corporate governance through far greater use of independent non-executive directors, audit committees and public reports by directors, attested by auditors, on the state of internal controls in

'public interest entities". Auditors on their own are never going to find all frauds. In any case, the primary responsibility at law in relation to the prevention and detection of frauds lies firmly where it should be — with boards of directors. Where senior management fraud is involved, with all the coercion and collusion that usually attends it, fraud can be particularly difficult to root out. The conversion of auditors into a full-time police force is not going to solve that problem. Nevertheless, the new Auditing Practices Board, with a

high proportion of lay mem-

Ian McNeil says self-regulation among auditors should be given a fair chance

posals that might shortly be expected from Cadbury, the board is re-examining the au-ditor's responsibility, both in relation to fraud and to re-porting on the "going con-cern" concept. It is also reviewing the scope of audit.

Views on all these matters will appear from the board this year for public consultation. All this is 180 degrees away All this is 180 degrees away from the critics' view that "auditors have been slowly stripping themselves of their social responsibility". So too is the view that auditors are currently engaged in "passive" auditing—a description that conjures up visions of supine auditors accepting anything and everything that anything and everything that is put before them, regardless of the litigation risk that the auditors would run. As most

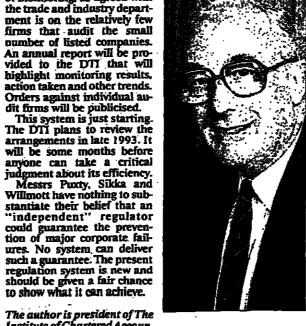
bers, is not neglecting the issues arising from corporate failure. In addition to the progo on to rubbish the self-regu-latory system that Parliament, through the most recent Companies Act. determined would provide the best means of ensuring high professional standards in audit. For the first time, the

> the power of direct inspection over their firms' audit work. This represents the most significant development in auditing for a generation. As well as visits made on a rou-tine and random basis, up to 200 visits a year will be made to firms to investigate complaints and the role of audi-tors in public interest cases, such as big corporate failures.

arrangements in late 1993. It professional bodies will have

will be some months before anyone can take a critical judgment about its efficiency. Messrs Puxty, Sikka and Willmott have nothing to sub-stantiate their belief that an 'independent' regulator could guarantee the preven-tion of major corporate failures. No system can deliver such a guarantee. The present regulation system is new and should be given a fair chance to show what it can achieve.

The scope and length of a monitoring visit will vary according to the adequacy of the firm's systems and the size of tants in England and Wales



McNeil: try out system

Riding the Carousel

BRITISH accountants crop up in the strangest places. Take Stuart Shaw, one-time trainee with Pannell Kerr Forster, who has won the task of running a giant casino complex in the middle of the bushveld north of Pretoria, South Africa. Shaw, who moved to the republic ten years ago after five years in Nigeria, has been appointed general manager of the newly-opened Carousel, a E70 million entertainment resort built by Sol Kerzner, globetroiting founder of Sun City. After joining the Leeds office of Pannell Kerr Forster in 1962 as an articled clerk, he moved to London and in 1972 was sent out to run the

firm's practice in Nigeria. He went on to head the Johannesburg and Lagos offices of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, as it then was, before switching to the leisure sector. "Any accountant with any audit skills can become stifled," says Shaw, who clearly relishes the task of keeping 1,600 em-



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rush to Russia BRITISH companies are fall-

ing over themselves to win a foothold in the former Soviet Union. Just days after Ernst & Young announced it was to open a representative office in St. Petersburg, hailing the city as the "gateway to Russia", Arthur Andersen has followed with an office of its Moscow base. St. Petersburg, as a free economic zone, is a logical second choice for western companies. It is using tax and customs incentives to lure foreign and local inves-

ployees — and a massive tors, and a new legal frame-budget — in check "There's work is being drafted to more to life than ticks and create a more favourable business climate. Among its projects, Andersen is studying how to overcome problems with bread distribution. and has helped Visa International assess whether a cardbased payment system can be introduced in the Russian Federation.

Coopers' first

ESTONIA'S third largest commercial bank, Union Balown - the first outside its tic. has signed up Coopers & Lybrand (International) as its auditor — the first time an Estonian bank has appointed a western auditor. A team led by Hugh McNaughtan. UK-. Edinburgh as its new flagship based partner, and compris-office. E&Y has signed a 25-

the necessary services. "Although the bank was only set up two years ago, it has rapidly established itself as one of the front runners in the Baltic States' banking scene," says McNaughtan, adding that the appointment will help the bank be taken more seriously as a trading and investment partner by banks in America and Western Europe. Union Baltic's main activities are in commercial lending and project finance, retail banking and international payments.

E&Y flagship FULL marks to Ernst &

Young, which has secured one of the best known sites in

ing banking specialists from year lease with the Life Asso-UK. Finnish and Russian ciation of Scotland on 10 companies will be providing George Street, just across the road from Guardian Royal Exchange and Standard Life, and plans to move in by Christmas. No-one will say how much E&Y is paying for the site, which is being rebuilt from scratch at a cost of £13 million and should be ready to occupy by the end of the year. The firm is taking a lease on the whole building, which will house between 350 and 400 people. E&Y intends to sub-let about half the

space. The company at present uses townhouses in Edinburgh as offices, but there are growing signs of a shift towards bigger buildings. About 100 townhouses are available for letting and E&Y's decision may encourage further movement in the hard-hit property sector.

Supporters survive with a cheery cynicism

stand that I am not talking about boys, violent or otherwise. I am talking about grown-up people who go to football matches; an underclass that football's rulers have never even remotely understood.

The conventional belief is that supporters want "a winning team", but this misses the mark by a mile. If people went to foot-ball matches only to enjoy success, the majority of clubs would get no support at all and no one would dream of going to an away

Throughout the Eighties, supporters would have abandoned Manchester United for clubs like Watford and Wimbledon. Relegated clubs would lose their folowing overnight; and perhaps Crystal Palace really would have been the team of the Eighties.

But that doesn't happen. Instead, all over the country, football fans are telling us that no one understands them; yet all they are protesting about is done in the name of success.

They are speaking out against debenture schemes. The grounds

are redesigned around them or taken away from them altogether. Ground sharing means more money, they are told; more executive boxes means more money means more success, they are

told. But they don't care.
The football fan is not simply a success worshipper. The theme of the Eighties was the fanatical worship of success — a juggernaut that crushed too fervent a worshipper beneath its wheels. That didn't affect football fans:

they just carried on watching their teams, success or no success. Generally, their clubs just missed promotion or fought rele-gation or settled for mid-table.

What's success got to do with it? Success in football is hot lime pickle; great stuff, but hardly the point of the meal. What you are there for is curry and rice. Victory cannot, by its nature, be the staple diet of the footballing person.

"God, that was bad." Worst yet." "See you Saturday?"

that conversation re-enacted at the football grounds of Britain last weekend? I shall never forget the cheery lilt in the Black Country voice at West Brom as the man in front of me greeted defeat with the words: "I reckon we plumbed new depths today."

Take fanzines; proof, if ever proof were needed, that football clubs have no idea what football supporters like. The fanzine boom has found a gap in the market that no official publication can fill.

Fanzines are full of jokes. A football match has always been a great occasion for jokers - take our No. 9 for a start, he, he, he. Relegation seasons are alive with gallows humour.

Fanzines express this strain of humour in their titles — Brian Moore's Head Looks Uncannily Like London Planaterium, Come on Dagenham Use Yer Forwards. There's Only One Mark Driad-ulewicz. Their pages are filled with a potent mixture of hilarity

They slag off their players. It is a myth that football fans "wor-

ship" footballers. Players are as often butts as heroes. They — fans and fanzines — find managers hilarious; they find the press contemptible; and, as for the board of directors, contempt is far too small a word.

Let me quote an archetypal fanzine piece: "A guide to becoming a football chairman". Tasks. in order, are: lie to fans, sell best players, sell the ground, get rid of all the staff.

Odd business, football, Is any enterprise so utterly alienated from its own customers? I remember when Tottenham Hotspur had a football team, I once remarked to a Spurs supporter. He growled back: "I remember when we had a football club." Perhaps it was Tottenham,

after all, who were the team of the Eighties, the team of that avaricious, success-worshipping decade. After all, it was Tottenham who shared an advertising agency with Margaret Thatcher. Despite all the dramas and shares and publicity and take-overs, they have, thus far, failed to give their supporters success. That far more clusive matter, that mysterious thing that sup-

porters really want - that is more clusive than ever in Tott-

Hard to say what it is that supporters seek. Symptoms inchide love of jokes, love of defeat, capacity to relish or, at least, to meet success with such remarks as "looks like we'll have to cock it up in spring instead of autumn this year, then", and to treat all new brooms with yet

another joke of cheery cynicism. The supporter identifies with neither directors nor management nor players. Supporters identify with supporters.

They value loyalty, but to whom are they loyal? To them-

selves? To an outsider, a club is its directors, players, manage-ment. But what do these ephemeral beings matter to a supporter? Managers come and go; players come and go; even chairmen come and go at many a club. Only supporters remain. And they are not even members. A football club is not like

the Garrick. You don't join a football club and you don't leave

A football supporter is not loyal to the local community or the town or the particular chunk of city. He, or she, is loyal to a shared experience of success and failure. A shared mythology. A football supporter is loyal to loyalty itself.

get relegated, sell players, move grounds, start ground-sharing always with the most-hated rival - sell its assets, sell its shares, sell its debentures, close its terraces. The football supporters are loyal to something that the club itself can never touch.

again for

The Brighton fanzine, Guil's Eye, was successfully sued by Brighton directors. The last issue contains this message: "The fund currently stands at £5,329. £3,000 paid February 5th, 1992. It looks likely that we will have to pay something in the region of £6,500. Still no fresh news to give you on that score.

ny help, functions, etc, that you can organise to boost the fund will be greatly appreciated. Enjoy this issue and continue to give Albion your best support. Remember, this is our club not theirs."

The fanzine compilation, It's Twelve Inches High And It's Made of Solid Gold, was recently published by the Football Supporters' Association, in aid of Football Against Multiple Scle-rosis. Price £5.95.

Tournament in which European players have a poor record

Time running short for Woosnam to find form

FROM MITCHELL PLAITS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA

IAN Woosnam, who appreciates that golf is a game of peaks and troughs, knows that if he is to be on the crest of a wave for his defence of the Masters title next month, he needs to rediscover his touch in The Players Championship, which starts here today.

Woosnam, who missed the cut in the Nestle Invitational last week, has decided to discard the metal wood he has used in recent weeks and place his faith in the coventional wooden model with which he won at Augus-

That in itself is a positive step. Woosnam had become so preoccupied with his putting, which habitually troubles him, that he has neglected his long game. He recognised this in Orlando, where he visited parts of the Bay Hill course which some of the members would have had difficulty in finding.
"I'm always searching to

GILLIAN Stewart and Claire

Hourihane - professional

and amateur respectively,

from Scotland and Ireland

respectively, former and

present Curtis Cup player re-

spectively - negotiated two

more rounds of the Sunn-

ingdale Foursomes yesterday

to take them into the last 16.

sion, they "sneaked it at the

21st" against Hogan Stott

and Nigel Willis, of Shirley

Park, in the morning, but

they were full value for their

third-round victory at the

17th against Jamie Pinchon

By Stewart's own admis-

gets to the point where it dominates my thoughts and distracts me from thinking about the rest of the game. This week, I need to get back on track. "I've been on what I would call a bit of a downer. I can

get in a mood where, if I'm not going to win, then I don't want to be there. So it's time to get myself going again, although I have to be honest and say that I don't know whether I'm playing well enough to win. I know that, in time, it will all turn around. But right now, it is worrying."

Woosnam is placing more weight on his left side when putting, in an effort to eliminate a tendency to pull the ball to the left. It both fascinates and frustrates him that he has not found a remedy. although he hopes that his new stance will help him to keep the putter on line during the follow through.

The Welshman regards the TPC stadium course as a

Stewart and Hourihane,

receiving six shots, were star-

ing defeat in the face in the

morning. They were three

down with five to play on the

Yet from that parlous pos-

ition, they won the long 14th,

profited from three putts by

their opponents at the 17th,

and then Stewart holed what

proved to be a crucial putt

from eight feet to win the

bunker shot, played dead for

a half in four to a net four, at

the 20th, but Stott was not

SCORES AT SUNKINED AT EASY

D Yates (Eleamers Port), 7 and 5; R Boxall (Camberley Heath) and D Cooper (Birchwood) bit M Dixon (Sunningdiste) and T Ashton (Huntercombe), 7 and 5; P Brown and D Stewenson (Hampstead) bit S Bernett (Catchester) and B Turner (Sunningdale) Artisana), at 19th; M Aubrey-Fletcher and C Manson (Sunningdale) bit R McGust and M Smith (Princes), 4 and 3; R Payne (Royal Mid Surrey), and P Davies (Sonning) bit 0 Pugh (Culeiwaters) and M Walter (The Warren), 5 and 3. Third round: Houribase and Stewert bit Pinchon and Detty, 2 and 1; Talbot and Talbot bit Sort and Hutt, 3 and 2; Wishire and Setton bit Beron and Holden, 4 and 3; Good and D Boxall bit Mucklow and Wall, 3 and 2.

Willis saved his side with a

Old Course.

improve my putting, but maybe sometimes I'm looking for too much," he said. "It Out 3,531 36

Total yardage: 6,896

good examination, although he is not particularly enthralled by it. In his opinion, it is a one-sided course. "You're made to play to one side of the green all the time," he said. "If you go to the right then you have no chance to recover. But from the left you always have the chance to get up and down."

Woosnam, who will be the defending champion in New Orleans next week, has fallen to No. 4 in the Sony world rankings after being in first place for 48 weeks. But by winning here he can reclaim the leading position, although Nick Faldo, José-María Olazábal and Severiano

fort with his approach putt at

Hourihane and Stewart,

receiving five shots in the

afternoon, turned two up.

They won both the 7th and

8th and shared a birdie three

It may seem invidious to

make a distinction between

two winning partners, but

Stewart was striking the ball

Her pitch to the 14th was a

beauty, from about 80 yards

to three feet, and prevented

Pinchon and Defty from

capitalising on their two at

at the 9th.

handsomely.

the short 13th.

Stewart striking with style

and Peter Defty, of the Stone- close enough for Willis's com-

climb to the top by winning. Sandy Lyie, who is also here, along with Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard

Langer, won The Players Championship in 1987, but it has otherwise not been a tournament at which Europeans have flourished. Lyle has failed to survive the

cut in his other six attempts, while Faldo has a highest finish of twentieth and has missed the cut three times out of seven. Ballesteros has not finished higher than 63rd since 1984; Woosnam was a victim of the guillotine in 1990, when he first played, and Olazabal failed to survive to the final two rounds in his

first attempt, 12 months ago. Olazábal, however, describes the course as "perfect", adding: "But you do need to learn how to play it because it is difficult to stand on the tee and feel comfortable. This is not a warm-up for the Masters. This is real business, a serious golf tournament and I

Hourihane hit a superb tee shot into the difficult 226-

yard 15th, but then spoiled

the effect by missing the sec-

ond putt from inside three feet. "I bottled it," she said.

men, both one handicap play-

move all square as it was

another of the holes where

women have little chance of

getting up in two from the back tees.

founded. Pinchon found a

bunker off the tee, which

meant they now needed a

Stewart pulled out another

cracker, perhaps a six-iron to

12 feet, and her partner, atoning for her lapse at the

previous hole, stroked the ball

Matters were now desper-

ate for the men, two down

with two to play and conced-

ing a shot at the 17th. Their

cause was virtually lost alto-

gether when Defty, like so many others before him,

tweaked his tee shot behind

Pinchon performed won-

ders to thread a way to the green, but not close enough

ing the carries on the New Course too demanding.

the trees on the left.

for Defty's birdie putt.

third to get on.

But expectations were con-

ers, would have expected to

The 16th was critical. The

to keep contact abroad

Racing

FOR Anthony Stevens, the ADT London Marathon is more of a race against time than a race against the other competitors. He is trying to raise funds for the Daneford Trust to keep the organisation going beyond its tenthanniversary year.

Stevens set up the trust to-enable inner city schoolchildren to do voluntary work overseas and to take part in education and work-ex-change trips. It started in 1977, when he took a group of boys from Daneford School in the east London to Botswana and Lesotho.

"From that, one sixth-for mer went to teach in Zambia on work experience because he had enjoyed the trip so



much," Stevens said. Five years later, the trust was established. Stevens is the sole, all-purpose, worker: consultant, travel organiser and publicity manager. His contacts range from

Africa to Asia to the Caribbean. For some students, the exchanges are a chance to discover their country of origin — "roots exchanges" — while for others it is merely a chance to sample another

way of life.
"The range of experience is very wide," Stevens said. "We took a group of seven to Bangladesh. One boy had been in England for only a few years, so for him it was like going home; but another boy, who was born here - a real Asian Cockney - was very nervous about the whole trip. At the end, he came up to me and said: 'It's a wonderful country but London is still my

"I constantly have kids coming back and telling me what the travel has done for them. You can soon see the difference. What were shy 17and 18-year olds, come back full of confidence from their

experiences."
The students raise their own funds from sponsors in the local community and when they return they help the trust by providing archive material, giving presenta-tions and volunteering a £12-



a-year covenant. "It's not hope that by featuring the much but it keeps us ticking efforts of our team of fund much, but it keeps us ticking over," Stevens said. The Trust costs £25,000 a year to run, but has only £6,000 in the bank, so Ste-

vens is using the marathon as a money-spinner. At 43, he is confident of success on the running side — this is his third marathon — but in the recession funds are hard to come by.He is undaunted. "I shall finish, I just want to get round and get my money," he said. "This thing will go on, I'm not going to let it die."

The Times and Unisys the official London Marathon computer service —

runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more, write clearly, stating your benefi-ciaries, to *The Times/Unisys* London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. Please make cheques payable to the appropriate fund-runner and we will pass them on.

Unisys is offering a Unisys personal computer to the biggest fund raiser and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respectively the second and third.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Collective spirit inspires Young

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN TIGNES

TODAY, Pete Young starts his Paralympic campaign as one of Britain's main medal contenders. One of the fourstrong Nordic skiing team, he will begin with the tenkilometres, the event that brought him the gold medal in the world championships in 1990.

The arrival of the Nordic team is a little like the arrival of the crazy gang. They are well aware and proud of their difference from the Alpine boys, sticking together in a close knit bunch, trading incomprehensible jokes and back chat. And it is that teamwork that is the key to their success.

"Whenever we race, we help each other," Jim Denton explains. "Whoever goes off first sends back information

to the other boys." 'The Alpine team approach their races from so many different angles, but we stick together," Young said. All four men are blind or partially-sighted and they have worked for many seasons with the same four Norwegian guides, who, despite their clearly-defined roles, are an integral part of the team

and its spirit.

The relationship is important and it can win or lose races," Young said. "But the skill is to leave the friendship at home during a race. Whatever we say to each other doesn't matter after the race. He could be guiding a brick wall out there."

A plano tuner from Essex, Young happened into skiing as a result of a bet, but by 1980 he realised he had potential and began to ski seriously. Now, backed by Mid-land Montagu, the merchant bank, he has been able to spend seven weeks training

for Tignes.
We have been concentrating on our technique," he said. "For blind skiers, balance can be a problem and we've been working on that all year to increase our

speed."
Now, Young believes they have got the technique right and, provided the conditions are good, he is confident of success. "If I get it right on the day. I can win," he said. "You've got to be confident and if one factor is slightly wrong — anything, from the weather to the waxing — it could make the difference."

OLD COURSE: Second round: J Pinchon and P Defty (Stoneham) bit A Lancaster and S Astin (Royal Lythem), 5 and 4: C Houristane (Stotic Poges) and G Stewart (Claramont) bit N Willia and H Stott (Shirley Park), at 21st: N Baron (Surningdade) and S Holden (Rosendale) bit A McLean and K Miller (Duddingston). I hole: J Wilstave (Frinchead) and P Setton (Camberley Heath) bit L Warwick and D Wood (Rochford Hundrd), 2 and 1; J Robinson (Lates None) and W Henry (John HE Holdings) bit K Norton (La Cumta) and P Lostoy (Cla Thoma), 1 hole: L Fricking (Enfield) and M Deal (Bush Hill) bit J Bernatt (Hendon) and W Belment (Fuistip), I hole, P Hollington and J Hoektson (Guidford) bit R Mera and P Hale (Sursangdale), 3 and 1; M Weich (Hall Valley) and D Dowling (Stoda), 3 and 2; R Hunter (Sunningdale) and J Putil (Frillord Heath) bit C Panton-Lewis (Scottish Life) and S Moon (Stoda), 4 and 3. D Ray (Long Ashton) and G Ryall (Clevedon) bit A Mackenzie (Calcot) and P Anderson (Venslum), 8 and 4; S Whiffin and I West (Enfield) wo R Guy (Gog Magog) and P Davis (Satfron Waldron), sor, M Whole (Walfond) and G Pooley (Adenham) bit N Sumner (Mere Brow) and Davies (Sunningdale) bt J Christine (Worpleadon) and S Proseer (unstached). 2 holes: P Sherman (Astriord) and P Page (Dertford) bt T Jankins (Sunningdale) and J Pyte (East Herts), 1 hole; R Commans and W Joffmon (Wisley) bt M Yong (Sunningdale) and J Healey (Hull), at Store (Edzell) bt M Thompson (Ferndown) and A Mebbert (Edzell) bt M Thompson (Ferndown) and A MacDoneld (Andows), 1 hole; J Good (Stirley Park) and D Boxell (Addington Paísce) bt J Earl and M Jarvis (Held), 1 hole; N Luchwall (Selby) and I Garbutt (Wheelley) bt H Wadsworth (Royal Cinque Ports) and J Knioch (Cardinas), 3 and 2; R Walton and N Hammonds (Cascot Park) bt T Craik and D Craik (Frifford Heath), 4 and 3; J Hamilton and S Burnell (Brickomdon) bt K Marshell (Delmehoy) and J Forbes (Aboyne), at 19th; P Hughes (Oxford) and D Craik (Frifford Heath) bt A Howard and P Carr (Sunningdale), 1 hole; R Hunter and G Lashiterd (Melden) bt R Gerdiner and C Griffiths (The Vale), 5 and 3; C Hayler (Blackomop) and C Dirty (Abideniend) bt T Rastall (Nottrum Heil) and D Screeton (Chortforn), 3 and 2; C Caldwell (Sunningdale) and J Lovell (Berkathre), 1 hole. Mucleow and wai, 3 and 2. NEW COURSE: Second round: D Talbot and P Talbot (Royal Mid Surrey) bt M Devetta (Sunningdale) and B Larre (unatteched), 3 and 2; P Scott (Mid Yorkshire) and R Hutt (Southport) bt K Douglas (Long Ashton) and I Watts (Streamleeze), 5 and 3; L Mucklow and A Wai (Sunningdale) bt A Hart and A Center (West Hill), 2 and 1; A Clerk (Old Fold Manor) and N Lawrence (A1 Academy) bt W Riley (Aus) and L Anderson (unattached), 2 and 1; J Jarmine and J Wayne Riley, the Australian Open champion, and Lindsey Anderson, his amateur partner, fell at the second hurdle, with Anderson find-

Banned Tumba allowed to drive off



Forsbrand: defender

Florence: Johan Tumba, of Sweden, who was given a tenyear ban for cheating in January, plays in the Volvo Open beginning today. His entry was accepted after he lodged an appeal against the heaviest sentence ever handed out

by the European Tour. It will be heard on April 16 and Tumba, whose father is one of Sweden's most famous sporting figures, said yester-day: "I'm innocent and I think the tables will be turned around the way it should." Tumba was found guilty of changing his scorecard at the Tour's qualifying competition

in Essex last October.

Steve Richardson is one of four Ryder Cup players competing here. And after missing the last two halfway cuts, he is looking for a change in fortunes before he heads to America on Monday for the New Orleans Classic and US

Sam Torrance, David Gilford and Paul Broadhurst are the other Ryder Cup men present. The defending champion is Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, the runner-up to Ronan Rafferty in the Portuguese Open on

Richardson was trying out a new putter in the pro-am really bad."

yesterday, but said: "I may go back to my usual one for the tournament. I've not been putting that badly, but I'd like to start holing some more." He has missed four cuts this year - one in South Africa, three in Europe - and each one has been by a single shot. "I don't think my game is off by much and there's a

long season ahead," he said. The greens are nothing like those he will face at Augusta. The Ugolino course has been attacked by a fungus. David Garland, the tournament director, said: "All 18 are affected, but only a couple are

ROWING

Oxford finding form

BY MIKE ROSEWELL

OXFORD'S impressive Harrods, and as the bend build-up to the Boat Race continued yesterday when they pitted themselves against Leander for two three-minute rows and produced a performance which impressed not only the biased onlookers.

The Leander crew, on the Middlesex station, with Redgrave, Pinsent and six other British internationals. on board, won the first race, from Chiswick Steps to St Paul's, by a bare length. Oxford, generally rating 37 to Leander's 34, hung on well, and were never com-

pletely dropped. Oxford, on Surrey again. were given a third of a length lead in the second row, from

turned in Leander's favour, approaching Fulham, the Oxford coxswain, Elizabeth Chick, pushed her Leander counterpart, John Deakin, out of the tide, enabling Oxford to finish with their lead intact

Cambridge had a quiet morning. The injured Dan Justicz was restored to the crew, at four rather than six, and although Dirk Bangert, the German stroke, was also reported to be improving. John Wilson, the coach, was still being cautious in the quantity of work undertaken by his men.

ON THE RIVER: Today: Cembridge 10,00em and 4,00pm. Oxford 10,30em and 3,30pm.

ATHLETICS

Marathon place blow

By MICHAEL COLEMAN

SEVERAL thousand London Marathon rejects will learn today that they are not being given first option on between 100 and 150 places in the race on April 12 that have become available. They are being offered instead to club runners.

The guaranteed entries were returned to the race organising office by a European tour operator which finds it no longer needs them. In full-page advertisements in the specialist magazines, Athletics Weekly and Athletics Today, the London Marathon says: "We are highly displeased with this company because we know, from the

ballot in this country, that

there were thousands of people who would have loved to have run but had to be rejected."

Readers who are fit and "still in training" are invited to complete an attached entry form and submit it with a £12 entry fee (E15 for those not members of an affiliated club) by first post next Tuesday.

Andy Ritchie, entries coordinator, accepted that many rejected applicants would have donated their entry fees to charity. But he explained: "It would be difficult for us to find among the rejects people not incur injury by entering at this late hour. The magazine readers are likely to be fitter."

Kirby Opportunity to oblige again for promising Price

WHEN Kirby Opportunity and Munday Dean were successful at Lingfield last Saturday they enabled their rider, the 24-year-old apprentice Russell Price, to land the fourth double of his career.

At Brighton today, Kirby Opportunity makes a quick return to active duty by contesting the Elm Grove Claiming Stakes. I fancy she will help to show again what good value Price is for his 5lb

A winner over today's course and distance last summer, Kirby Opportunity had John Shaw eight lengths behind in third place last Saturday.

Now it is hard to envisage John Shaw gaining his revenge since he will be meeting her on only a pound better

From Epsom, I have heard that the Reg Akehursttrained Absolutely Right is expected to go well.

MANDARIN

2.00 Blake End.

3.00 Kirby Opportunity. 3.30 Tiger Claw. 4.00 Silica.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Alkarif.

KAHER 15% 4th of 10 to Yertex in Newmarket (1m 41, good) amateur event; previously 1/4 2nd of 15 to Friedland in Doncaster (1m 21, good) emateur event. DO THE RIGHT THING beat Sition's Pride Si in S-

DRAW: 5F 213YD-7F 214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

4.30 Appealing Times.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

While Absolutely Right did manage to finish two lengths in front of Kirby Opportunity when they were third and fifth respectively at Lingfield in February, it is pertinent to point out that my selection will now be meeting her old rival on 111b better terms:

Today's programme should begin with Blake End winning the Churchill Square Maiden Stakes, even though he was mildly disappointing at Southwell 12 days ago. However, his form at New-market and Pontefract last

season was satisfactory.
The Sheepcote Valley Handicap can go to the top weight, Kaher, in the hands of Pat Eddery.

Last season, Kaher spent much of his time leading his talented stable companion

THINDERER

2.00 Blake End.

2.00 CHURCHILL SQUARE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

1 (4) 23-2 BLAKE END 12 (BF) (Tamdown Ltd) W O'Gorman 9-0 R C
2 (1) \$33600- PRINCE RODNEY 202 (G Boeley) R Hannon 9-0 W
3 (2) 00- PLACID LADY 149 (Ars C Viney) W Carter 8-8 B F
4 (3) 234005- SAYALARO 112 (J Fitich-Hoyes) J Fitich-Hoyes 6-9 A
5 (5) 00- TULAPET 294 (Mrs C Sparrowheek) S Dow 8-9.

BETTING: 4-7 Blake End, 11-4 Prince Rodney, 8-1 Savalaro, 12-1 Tulapet, 14-1 Placid Lady, 1991: OLIFANTSFONTEIN 8-7 A Tucker (12-1) R Simpleon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

2.30 SHEEPCOTE VALLEY HANDICAP (52,259: 1m 3f 196yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) \$55024- KAHER 82J (D,F) (F Kafts) N Culturiers 5-10-0 Part Eddery 90-2 (2) 8410- DO THE RIGHT THING 23J (D,F) (Thermal Gueing Systems) J Cld 49-2 B Regented 80-3 (5) 0-56534 PRIS CLASSIC 20 (Pinn LK Ltd) W Haggie 48-6 ND Day 83-4 (8) 485003- HEAR A NIGHTINGALE 232 (F.S) (T Bridy) R Hodges 58-4 W Carson 5 (8) 225-33 AMPHIGORY 18 (BF) (L Schott) Lord Humingson 48-3 A Marrio 990-6 (7) 006000- PREDESTINE 13J (D,G,S) (D Anight) M Midgelck 78-2 Amphigony A Marrio 990-8 (4) 420303- POLISTATIC 148 (CD,F,S) (T Summer) C Hurgen 57-7 Date Gibson 84-BETTING: \$-2 Kaher, 3-1 Pinne Classic, 7-2 Do The Right Thing, 9-2 Amphigory, 7-1 Polistatic, 8-1 Hear A Rightlingsie, 10-1 others.

1991: SLEEPLINE FANGASY 8-93 J Quinn (7-1) M Channon 18 ran

3.00 ELM GROVE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,324: 1m 3f-196yd) (11 runners)

NGDON FLYFR 7 (C.F) (J N

(4) 20100-3 JOHN SHAW 5 (F) (C St George) W Hagges 49-4 N Day (1) 00/80-13 PRESENT TIMES 13J (D,SF) (Mrs S Green) A Moore 8-9-1 B Rouse

1991: JOKERS PATCH 4-8-1 N Ademe (5-1) Fi Holder 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

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Horizon in Southines (AW, 1m 4f) handicap AMPHIGORY 154 3rd of 10 to Sucky's Friend in Southwest (AW, 1m) maiden on penultisate start POLISTATIC 10% 3rd of 15 to Najed in Yarmouti (1m 3f 101yd, good to aoft) handicap. Selection: AMPHIGORY (rep)

3.00 Kirby Opportunity.

3.30 Rarfy's Dream. 4.00 Alkarif.

Corrupt in his homework on Newmarket Heath and it was not until he was sent hurdling that he started to pay his way

Reportedly back to his best after a rest, he is quite capable of beating today's opposition even under this big weight, and he is my nap.

Eddery can go on to land a double by winning the Falmer Maiden Stakes on Silica, who was denied a simifar opportunity on Tuesday when Leicester became waterlogged.

Tiger Claw, my selection for the Hollingbury Handicap, is another who has been in good form over hurdles this winter, winning on successive occasions at Taunton and

entitles him to preference over James Bethell's Double Echo, a winner on the all-At Wolverhampton, I will

Long hand

B Raymond
A Mackey
T Quinn

His best form on the Flat

be looking to the recent easy Southwell winner Eriny to win the Tulip Apprentice Handicap in the hands of the 17-year-old Ollie Pears, whose confidence will have been boosted by winning the first race of the Flat season proper at Doncaster

Michael Bell's useful filly Ouletly Impressive will have to be at her best if she is to make a successful start by winning the Lilac Handicap. However, Goldsmiths' Hall should not have to even

ning the Narcissus Maiden On the jumping front at Taunton, I give the consistent Desperate a good chance of continuing his trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies's fine season by winning the Blackdown Hills Novices' Hurdle.

break into a sweat when win-

Blinkered first time WOLVERHAMPTON: 3.10 Tear Alexas,

3.30 HOLLINGBURY HANDICAP (£2,363: 1m 11 209yd) (15 runners)

p: Silver Cennon 7-4, Deepwood Nanusket 7-4, Castle Galet: 7-4.

4.00 FALMER MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

(3-Y-O: £1.932; 7f 214vd) (6 runners)

Long handicap: Golden Proposal 7-5.

SETTING: 5-2 Double Echo, 100-30 Teneyestelign, 9-2 Tiger Claw, 6-1 Johns Great, 10-1 Noted Strain, 12-1 others.

1991: EVERY ONE A GEM 4-8-12 G Certer (8-1) M Ryen 18 ren

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE ECHO 1/½ 2nd of 13 to El Dominio in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) transforce with WILEYS FOL- TEMAYESTELICAL 4½ 3xd of 10 to Aude La Belle in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) transforce to 14 to Lord Advocate in Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) claiming maiden. TIGER CLAW 4½ 5th of 15 to St Patrick's Day in Folksations (1m 11 10)xd, sottly handloop. DUFS GREAT best recent effort when 13½ 5th of 15 to Selection: JOLTS GREAT

1991: FULL CRY 9-0 S Cauthen (4-5 fev) J Goaden 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALKARIF 21 2nd of 14 to Jupiter Moon in Chepetow (7), good) malden. DUNE RIVER 141 23rd of 30 to Young Senor in Tetternells Tilisny Hightilyer Stekes al Newmarket (7), good to firm).

SKY HUNTER pulsed hard when 4121 6th of 17 to Mizery in Concester (7m, good) melden. BELLA

BETTING: Evens Appealing Times, 3-1 Poneardin, 4-1 Truthful Image, 7-1 Duty Bergeent, 8-1 Golden Proposal,

FORM FOCUS

PONSARDIN best Absolutely Nuts nk in 10-renner
Catterick (61, good) madden. APPEALING TIMES
best Sarum 11st in 8-runner Lingfield (AW, 77)
handden.
TRUTHFUL IMAGE best Queen's Tickle 6t in 19-

4.30 ROEDEAN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: \$2,280: 5f 213yd) (5 runners)

Twin Oaks eyes two **Nationals**

THE Martell Grand National contender Twin Oaks may well attempt a big-race double by tackling the Irish equivalent three weeks after

Twin Oaks, set to carry top weight at Liverpool next week, has been allotted 11st 12lb for the Jameson-sponsored race on Easter Monday.

Richards, who was not happy with the weight Twin Oaks was allotted for Aintree. remarked: "The Irish handicapper seems to have done his job properly. There is a possibility he will run at Fairyhouse as long as he comes out of Aintree without any problems.

"We are already committed to Liverpool because the ground has now come right. He's been blood-tested and is as a sound as a bell. But, with a virus in the stable, we must keep our fingers crossed that nothing goes wrong."

Talented Magic Ring to sparkle in top company

by William Pearce, whose successful southern raids from his Hambleton base with improving handicappers, like Bold Habit, were a notable feature of last

The Green Desert colt, closely related to Sheikh Albadou, was placed in all four outings last year despite suffering from sore shins. The three-year-old would appear to be leniently handicapped off a current mark of 67, and is just the sort to run up a winning sequence over seven furlongs to a mile.

ALJADEER: registered a useful time when maintaining his unbeaten record at Newbury last October, and had his 15 rivals well strung out. Henry Cecil's relatively cheap Alleged colt cost \$50,000 as a yearling but looks certain to run well over middle distances in pattern company, especially when the going is fast.

ALNASAR ALWASH-EEK: well regarded by Michael Stoute and should flourish over a mile plus. The Sadler's Wells colt improved throughout last summer, culminating in an excellent third in the Highflyer Stakes, Looks certain to keep on progressing. GREAT PALM: looks like a Derby winner. The only question is whether Chantilly and the Prix du Jockey Club is more suitable than the undulations and bends of Epsom for Paul Cole's

strapping son of Manila.
Connections of Fahd Salman have raved about this horse since last summer, and Cole believes he is a better three-year-old prospect than he was as a twoRichard Evans, Racing Correspondent, selects ten horses to follow for

the 1992 Flat season KING OLAF: comes with the personal recommendation of Peter Chapple-

Hyam, who took racing by

storm in his first season as trainer for Robert Sangster. The Thatching gelding had just the one run as a two year-old when beaten a short head in a well-contested end-of-season Newmarket maiden. Looks sure to improve and is likely to be set realistic targets during the next few weeks.

MAGIC RING: hardly the most original selection but if ever a horse had champion sprinter written all over him it is Paul Cole's speedy performer, whose only defeat as a juvenile came in the Prix de l'Abbaye. The champion trainer is

confident his Green Desert colt will stay a mile. Whatever his eventual trip, he seems certain to figure in top company.

NEVER A CARE: one of several good fillies in Barry Hills's yard, but she could



Pearce: successful

Lambourn trainer has always been particularly fond of the Roberto filly and his faith was amply justified when she won her sole start. at Chepstow, in most im-

pressive style by six lengths. She will probably go for the Pretty Polly Stakes at

Newmarket and could be

an Oaks contender. PALACE PAGEANT: this two-year-old sired by Nijin-sky, is a half-brother to Crystal Spirit, Glint Of Gold and Diamond Shoal, who have done so well down the years for Paul Mellon and Ian Balding.

The Kingsclere trainer is already making enthusiastic noises about Crown Treasure's latest son, who is likely to appear in June.

STONEWALL JACKSON: also trained by William Pearce. This huge Treasure Kay colt was too weak as a juvenile to be able to do himself justice, but showed enough in two outings to underline his potential.

He has wintered well and made considerable improvement. Watch out for him over sprint trips in the

YOUNG BUSTER: a Derby hopeful last year until a niggling back injury put paid to Epsom. The Teenoso coli made up for Quest For Fame, the 1990 Derby winner, at Kempton in September, but all the signs are that the best is still

Geoff Wragg, whose winning tally increased by 50 per cei. 'ast year, is delighted with his four-year-old who has been sparkling on Newmarket's gallops. The John Porter Stakes at Newbury is an early target.

Hambleton raiders

3.50 PITMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE

MANDARIN

2.20 Black Joker. 2.50 Jigging. 3.20 Roxall Clump. 3.50 Premier Princess. 4.20 King Neon. 4.50 Des-THUNDERER

2.20 Mountain Master. 2.50 Jigging. 3.20 Pantechnicon. 3.50 Shadeux. 4.20 King Neon. 4.50 Des-

Richard Evans: 3.50 Watermead.

Brian Beel: 4.20 King Neon.

GOING: FIRM

2.20 TAUNTON NATIONAL HUNT NOV-ICES HURDLE (£1,565: 2m 110yd) (14 runners) Peter Caldwell

BELMORE ROCK 12 Miss H Knight 5-11-2 M Petrett

BLACK JOKER 31 A JWisson 6-11-2 ... A Maguire

PO BRAZIER BOY 13 A Jarves 7-11-2 ... J Osborne

GROFT MILL 99 Miss H Knight 6-11-2 ... J Osborne

GP GLRINERSBURY ROAM 40 R Voorspuy 5-11-2

7 00 MANOR MAN 19 M Pipe 5-11-2....... M Fo 8 -880 MOUNTAIN MASTER 20 N Henderson 5-11-2 R Dur 9 6054 PERE BAZILLE 7 (V,D,G) P Nicholis 5-11-2

7-4 Black Joker, 3-1 Mountain Maater, 4-1 Pere Bazille, 6-1 Chilly Day, 8-1 Croft Mill, 10-1 Philostra, 12-1 others.

2.50 CROCOMBE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,355: 2m 110yd) (14)

3.20 HAULWASTE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,801: 2m 3f) (9)

1 22-6 WILLIAM ANTHONY 10 (G,S) M Pipe 10-11-10 4 1310 THE GREEN STUFF \$1 (F.G) J Upson 7-10-7

6 324F BEN LEDI 28 (B.F) Mrs J Wonnacott 8-10-0. C Maude 7 3PPP WIMBLEBALL 7 (C.F.S) J Payne 12-10-0. P Richards 8 1422 CITY INDEX 22 (F) N Smith 6-10-0. P Leach 9 28P0 DRAGONADE 101 B Young 11-10-0 W Irwine 5-2 William Anthony, 7-2 Rosalt Clump, 4-1 Pantachnicon, 6-1 The Green Stuff, 8-1 Ben Ledi, 10-1 City Index, 12-1 others

☐ Mark Tompkins was fined £300 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday for paying a stable girl wages that fell short of the national minimum rate.

C1,9/3: 2m 3f) (10)

1 4031 PREMIER PRINCESS 9 (F,G) G Ham 6-12-3 (7e)

D Meade (7)

2 2-6P 7IM SOLDIER 19 (8) M Barraclough 5-11-9 .

3 4111 OLIVERS HILL 188 (F,S) C Troutine 9-11-6 A Maguire

4 0400 SHADEUX 28 (F,S) Ms J Wornarcht 6-11-5 C Maude

5 F00P PERSIAN STYLE 7 (G,S) W G Turrer 8-11-3

S Burrough

6 3843 SAND-OOLLAR 36 (F,G) J Old 9-11-0.

S MCNeit S Burrough
6 3643 SAND-DOLLAR 38 (F,G) J Old 9-11-0. S McNeill
7 0F46 FINAL SOUND 17 (B,C,F) A Baker 7-10-5 N Coleman
8 2530 SOLSTICE BELL 17 (B,F) R Voorspuy 10-10-5 A Tory
9 3130 WATERMEAD 23 (F) D Nicholson 7-10-0 R Dunhoush
10 4/PP TREMMIN 49 (F) R Manning 7-10-0 . . . N Mann
11 5P00 SNOOKER TABLE 15 (F,G) W Wilkems 9-10-0
D Callinghar

12 8800 LONGGHURST 40 (C.F.G.S) B Forkey 9-10-0

13 5453 DESERT PALM 17 (C,F,G) R Hodges 7-10-0 14 FP44 KING OF THE RING 21 (F) J Thomas 7 ID-0
M A Frigeraid (3)
15 5-05 SUSAN HENCHARD 21 (G) M Berraclough 8-10-0 Am Stokell
15 -08P THE FLY BOYS 42 (C,F) B Forsey 10-10-0 C Llewellyn 3-1 Olivers Hill, 7-2 Sand-Dollar, 4-1 Watermead,

4.20 SOMERSET HUNTER CHASE

1 -061 PROVERBIAL LUCK 20 (D,F) Miss C Saunders 8-12-7 2 1-6P CURRAHEEN LAD 36 (F) Mrss S Jergard 10-12-5 3 2-23 KING NEON 24 (D.F.G.S) J Delahooke 12-12-5 M Armytage 4 PB10 SPORTING MARINER 14 (D.F.G.S) D Blood 10-12-5

M Felton (?)

5 566- BISHOPRIC 325 W G Turner 11-12-0 W G Turner (?)

7 PNJ- EVEN SMARTER 518 Brian D Foster 9-12-0

9 FOFP GLEN GEORGE 9 (F.G.S) N Gaselee 12-12-0

Capt A Kasket (7)
9 331- MISTER BUTLER 546 (CD,F,G) G Blagtorough 13-12-0
10 23/R NORTHERN SAINT 40 (D,G) K Baivy 9-12-0
11 -000 PROGRESSIVE 15 Mrs S Williams 13-12-0
Mea L Blackford (7)

11 -GUU PHUGHESSIVE 15 Mrs S Williams 13-12 0
12 4P2/ RIVER TROUT 675 (F) R Brazzer 11 12-0 Mrs T Hill (7)
13 -F52 ROWING SEAL 9 (D.S) W G M Turber 16-12-0
14 4 SAMUELSON 44 R Winslade 8 12-0 ... R Nuttail (7)
15 P- BONKCAP 534 B Young 8-11-9 ... Miss S Young (7)
16 505- PEN BAL PRINCESS 299 Mrs C Mangan 7-11-9
64 King Neon, 4-1 Rowing Seal, 5-1 Proverbed Luck

4.50 BLACKDOWN HILLS NOVICES

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,235: 3m) (14) ANDICAP HURIDLE (1.235.311) (177)

1 1304 BALLYANTO 15 (SIR Holder 7-17-13 D Matthews (7)

2 5744 SPRING TO 17 68 (CD.P) M Page 611-13 — —

3 3416 POACHER'S DELIGHT 57 (CD.G) Mrs. J Roner 6-11-11

M.A. Fitzgerald (3)

4 040 VANISKI 23 Mrs. B Warring 5-11-10. — C Vettre

5 1212 DESPERATE 12 (G.S) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-8

P. Scuttamore

6 -8P8 CODDINGTON VELLAGE 72 (B) S Sherwood 7-11-7 6 -SPE CODDINGTON VILLAGE 72 (B) S Shere

7 0012 NUT TREE 52 D Wike 7-11-5... 8 00-2 STORM ISLAND 84 (G) J Edwards 7-11-2 9 5204 PABREY 17 (B) N Mitchell 6 10 12 G 10 3000 CLARES HORSE 12 J Upson 5 109 R 11 5-PO FORMATION 7 Mrs A Kinghi 6 10 6 G M 12 6P20 SPROUTING VENTURE 30 (B) R Curis 5 10 6

3-1 Spring To it. 7-2 Desperate, 4-1 Storm Island, 6-1 Poacher's Designi, 8-1 Bahyanto, 10-1 Nut Tree, 12-1 others. TRAINERS: M Pipe, 55 withers from 191 runners, 28 8%. Mrs J Retter, 7 from 35, 20 0%, J Edwards, 4 from 21, 19 0%, R Holder, 12 from 56, 18 2%, G Ham, 6 from 38, 15 8%, R Hodges, 23 from 177, 13 0%. JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 36 winners from 107 rides, 35.5%, M Penent, 8 from 26, 30.8%, 8 Beltamy, 3 from 72, 25.0%, N Mann, 8 from 33, 24.2%, M Foster, 4 from 17, 23.5%, M A Fitzgerald, 6 from 29, 20.7%

RESULTS FROM YESTERIAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Catterick Bridge Going: good

2.15 (51) 1, Bright Gem (J Faming, 9-4); 2, Annie Rose (7-2); 3, Two Times Twelve (11-8 fav). 7 mm. Nk, 23th. T Fairhasst. Tote: 24.35, 12-40, 52.10. DF: 24.30. CSF: \$10.19, After a Stewards einquiry, result

7.11 . care au Ears (c rint) 10-10; 3, Mass Parkes (12-1), 19 ran. NR: Dencing Bass. Nk, 291. E Waymss. Tota: \$12.50. C\$F: \$3.10, \$2.10, \$2.70. DF: \$38.50. C\$F: \$42.22. No bid. EAZ 22. No bid.
3.15 (St 212/d) 1, Furislia (Deen McKeown, 16-1); 2, Cronk's Courage (10-1); 3, Plain Fect (6-1), Orlent Art 9-2 tav. 13 ran. 11, 19½, P Hasiem. Tota: \$15.90; \$23.40, \$3.90, \$2.50. DF: \$21.90. CSF: \$155.73. Tricost: \$843.97. After a stew-defining control of the courage of th

21-00, 22-50. DF: 25-50. CSF- 27-50. 4-15 (Im 5f 175y0) 1, Glastondale (J Fanning, 4-1 |L-lav); 2, Bollin Magdallene (16-1); 3, Sceppey Lane (4-1 |L-lav); 12 ran. Sh hd, 2741. T Barron. Tote: \$4.90; 22.10, 23.50, 22.00. DF: 2788.80. CSF- 555.99. Tricast: \$243.46.

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Worcester Going: good to soft

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CSF: E18.77
3.00 (2m hdie) 1, Golden Gunner (G. McCourt, 12-1), 2, Cardinal Bird (14-1); 3, Emerald Ventura (25-1); 4, Smiles Ahead (33-1). Barry Window 13-8 few. 21 ran. NR; Karytaby. 224, 11, 324, M McCourt. Tota: 511.10; £2.30, £2.10, £8.10, £12.30. OF: £118.00. CSF: £162.59. Tricast; £3744.80. (16-1)-S. Szepbey Lane (4-1) Hary, 72 rah.
Sh hd, 279.1 Barran. Tote: £4.80; £2.10,
23.50; £2.00. DF: 5189.80. CSF: 555.89
Ticsast: £249.46;
4.45 (im 4f 44yd)-1, Romaneh (W R
Swinburn, 6-4 tev); 2, Seis (6-1); 3, Neitral
Exchange (15-5), 5 ran. 3½1, 11. G Wrago.
Totes: £2.00; £1.10, £2.30. DF: £4.70, CSF.
£19.93.
5.15 (71) 1. Eurobleke (Alex Gresves, 5-1); 2, Norden Reider (25-1); 3. The Devil's
Music (7-1) Too Eager 4-1 fav. 14 ran. 11.
St. T Berron. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £5.40.

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225.10 CSF \$16.39 \$.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Brief Encounter (M Fitgerald, 15-8 fev); 2, Farmer's In (9-2); 3, Time Modute (66-1) 7 ren. MF: Comedy Roed, Hard To Hold. 20, 71. P Nichole: Tota: 52:90, \$1.30, \$2.10, DF: \$10.00 CSF, \$10.15, Tricast, \$347.22

5.30 (2m flat) 1. Silver King (Elaine Mellor, 7-2); 2, Moving Out (11-8 fav); 3, Imperial Brush (14-1) 12 ran. NF: Out Of Funds, Croeso. 2½), 3l. M Pipe. Yote; 24.30; 51.70, 51.70, 52.90. DF: 55.30. CSF: 58.83.

PRESENT TIMES 2'M 3rd of 13 to Gilbert's Girl in Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) with KIRBY DPORTUNITY (11b better off) 2'kl 5th, SINGING PRECISION 1'M 11-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) with KIRBY OPPORTUNITY (11b better off) 2'kl 5th, SINGING PRECISION 1'M 11-runner Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) with STRIKING DISTRANCE 5'M 4th of 10 to Angelica Park in Newmertest (1m 4t, good) calierer on final start last year. ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 2'kl 3rd of 14 RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN THUNDERER 2.40 OUTETLY 2.10 Preamble. 2.10 Preamble 2.40 Royal Dartmouth.
3.10 Between Two Fires.
3.40 Queen's Tickle.
4.10 Goldsmiths' Hall. 2.40 Quietly Impressive. IMPRESSIVE (pap). 3.40 R A Express. 3.10 Stag Night. 3.40 Chateau Nord. 4.10 Goldsmiths' Hall. 4 40 Cold Shower. 4.40 Eriny. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE (nap). 4.10 Goldsmiths' Hall. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 CHATEAU NORD. DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.10 CYCLAMEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,206: 5f) (10 runners) N Adams J Carroll BETTING: 9-4 Ucceilo, 7-2 Murray's Mazda, 9-2 We're All Game, 5-1 Grubby, 8-1 Preamble, 10-1 Rivet, 12-1 Speed Oil, 14-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING 2.40 LILAC HANDICAP (52,735: 1m) (20 runners) 5. . ₁₈₈ 422 11 COURSE SPECIALISTS **JOCKEYS** Rides Per cent Winners Runners Per cent

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** Winners Runners Per cent 3.10 FORGET-ME-NOT SELLING STAKES (52,676: 1m) (17 runners) 96 BETTING: 7-2 Between Two Firse, 4-1 Nousiny, 9-2 Stag Night, 6-1 Pace E Selute, 8-1 Hanjessdan, Rhythmic Ecbo, 10-1 Glen Finner, 14-1 Flying Petril, 18-1 others. 3.40 PRIMROSE HANDICAP (£2,480: 5f) (16 runners) BETTING: B-2 Belled Denoer, 5-1 Rushanes, 6-1 Chateeu Nord, Queen's Tickle, 7-1 Factuelle, 8-1 Berbara's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Tickle, 7-4 Factuelle, 8-1 Berbara's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Tickle, 7-4 Factuelle, 8-1 Berbara's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Tickle, 8-1 Berbara's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Cute, 10-1 No Queen's Cute, 10-1 No Queen 4.10 MARCISSUS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,088: 1m 4f70yd) (4 runners) BETTING: 24 Goldsmiths' Hall, 6-1 For Mag. 10-1 Line Ol Kings, 14-1 My Grain. 4.40 TULIP APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O; \$2,343; 1m 200yd) (10 runners) D94- BARTOLOMEO 178 (R Moody) Mrs. J Ramadon 9-7.

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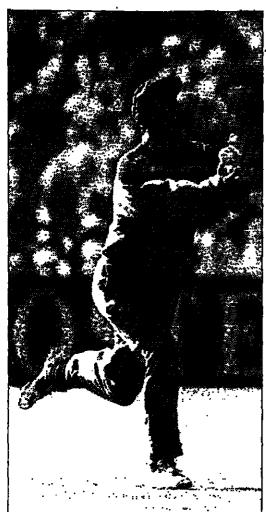
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(4) 9400-60 NORTH FLYER 12 (R Shaw) B McMahon 7-19 BETTING: 17-4 Eriny, 7-2 Firefighter, 5-1 Cold Shower, 11-2 Up The Punjab, 7-1 Gettay Gossip, Bartolongeo, 12-1 Tronchetto, 18-1 others.

2.45 (71) 1, Emerald Ears (G Hind, 10-1):

England outplayed as Pakistan respond to the example of their inspiring captain







Turning point: Gooch could not hold this difficult swirling chance from his rival captain which would have nipped the Imran-Miandad partnership in the bud

Pakistan's triumph is also Imran's

WORLD CUP RESULTS, STATISTICS AND AVERAGES

FROM DAVID MILLER

THERE are not many people who have a live audience of 87,000 at the moment of the pinnacle of their life's work. Hilary and Tenzing had just each other. Imran Khan had a near full house at what is now one of the world's finest stadiums, never mind an audience of television's millions.

There will have been few men and, I doubt, a single woman among those present yesterday who did not warm to Imran's World Cup victory; the ultimate prize for the player who has appeared in all five tournaments, has long graced the game, and whose batting and leadership were

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England 1604 (G A Gooch 85, G A Hick
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swed Mignidad 89), Zimbabwer 201-7,
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indias 264-8 (B C Lars 72, C L Hooper 83,
R S Richardson 59), Zimbabwer 169-7 (A
Strain 60 not out, D L Houghton 55). South
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Zeeland 191-3 (M J Greetbetch 68, R)
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larget revised to 236 in 47 oversi.
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Pakistan 74, England 24-1 — no result.
South Africa 196, Srl Lanka 198-7 (R S
Mahansma 68, A Ransbunga 64 not out).
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out, A H Jones 57), Zimbabwe 105-7,
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136 (A L Logie 61, M W Pringle 4-11)
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4-31), England 173-2 (G A Gooch 58, I T
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C. Lara 52), New Zeefand 206-5 (M. D.
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team and, for the moment I ss, of his whole country.

newspaper, The Age, produced a ten-page World Cup supplement yesterday, of which seven pages were devoted to the new grandstand. The city is rightly proud of a venue, 130 years old, that now ranks with the contemporary best of any continent.

It speaks volumes for traditional Australian sporting enthusiasm that so many came to an event in which their own team had failed.

The pity is that the tower ing new edifice was not visible two years ago. For the city might then have been preferred to Atlanta as host for

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SNOW REPORTS

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the centenary Olympic Games. Although the unfolding triumph owed something to England's moderate form with both bat and ball, the achievement was hugely en-hanced by the setting, to which Pakistan was the team that responded. In the vast openness of the field — so difficult for the fielding side, witness the profusion of threes that were run - England slumped, physically and temperamentally. Pakistan, like a swarm of green dragon-

with every hour that passed. The result was wholly justified by the respective performances. World Cup cricket is a strange phenomenon, in which the technical standard

flies, became more confident

tends to be inversely proportional to the level of excitement, often becoming wilder the nearer the climax approaches. It can arguably be said that four of the six Pakistan wickets that fell, and half of England's — as they chased a largish total with steadily diminishing prospects — would not have been similarly

surrendered in the serious environment of Test cricket. Where real cricket was played, it came mostly from Pakistan. When Miandad joined

Imran at 25 for two after nine overs, the proverbial cat in hell seemed better placed than Pakistan. Ten overs later, with only 23 added, it looked worse. Then Gooch,

M E Weugh (Aus) 5
R S Mahanema (SL) ... 8
W J Cronie (SA) 8
G A Hick (Eng) 10
Aamer Scheil (Pak) ... 10

pursuing a difficult high catch over his left shoulder from Imran, then on nine. put the ball down: the die was suddenly cast the other way.

Ball by ball, Imran and Miandad built one of the memorable one-day century partnerships; by the time they had gone, both to casual shots, 198 was on the board, England were beginning to look sloppy, even desolate. The graceful, deceptively powerful Inzamam turned the knife with a swift 42, cutting Botham and Lewis to

Botham's attempt to be ar biter of good taste at the previous evening's formal his impersonation of a gentle-

nowned misterer, was even less impressive than the comedian against whom he protested. Now, he was swiftly obliged to make his second walk-out in 24 hours, and with Stewart, Hick and Gooch gone for 70 after 21 overs - the latter pair bamboozled by Mushtaq — it was now all down to Lamb and Fairbrother.

Grittily, they stayed for 15 overs and some 70 runs, but then Imran pulled his final stroke; back came the razorsharp Wasim Akram. In two balls, he sent back Lamb and Lewis, and with 15 overs still remaining, the match was effectively over and the day

Bowling

belonged to Imran.

RUGBY UNION

Fit Staples puts some joy into **Irish selectors**

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

IT MAY be some slight comfort to the Irish selectors that Jim Staples, their World Cup full back, has been passed fit to play for London Irish in the league match against Rosslyn Park on Saturday. Any good news is worthy of celebration at a time when Ireland, amid the depths of a five nations' whitewash, must grit their teeth and announce today a party of 30 to tour New Zealand.

Staples has struggled since Christmas against a back injury and had to withdraw from his country's international with Scotland last month. However, he was examined by a specialist on Tuesday and given the all-clear. If he comes through the match against Park, he may feel able to accept the place in the touring party which will surely be offered.

Ireland will be short-handed enough as it is against the All Blacks. The list of those unavailable to tour has grown during the season and inchides their most experienced players — Donal Lenihan, Philip Matthews, Brendan Mullin and Des Fitzgerald. Add to them Ralph Keyes, who has retired from representative rugby, Simon Geoghegan, David Curtis, Nick Barry, Pat O'Hara and, probably, Rob Saunders and Nick Popplewell.

Johnny Moloney, the assistant coach this season, has been made surplus to requirements. though he is available to tour. The name of Gerry Murphy, backs' coach with Ireland under-21 the last two seasons and who has helped Clontarf to promotion, has been touted as a likely replacement and since his career includes an appearance in Ireland's cricket team, he would doubtless feel at home in New Zealand just now.

"We need to realign tours with the World Cup," George Spotswood, the Irish Rugby Football Union's technical of ficer, said yesterday. "The World Cup having taken so much time, we really need to think about the demands on players. Employers are not as co-operative as they used to be and players can't afford to throw up a job with the employment market as it is."

Both Geoghegan and Barry are taking professional examinations, but the selectors must hope that such players as Noel Mannion and Gordon Hamilton, missing all season because of injuries. can travel. The two back-row forwards have returned to club action and might go some way to compensating for the absence of, for example, Matthews and O'Hara.

Kerr puts paid to Polytechnics run

British Polytechnics 16 Univs Athletic Union.... 16

By Michael Austin

INCENTIVES abounded at Morley yesterday with places in the England Under-21 team adding to the sharp rivalry between these institutions. The Polytechnics, winners by 38-12 at Cardiff last season, were deprived of a third consecutive win by a well-struck, angled dropped goal from Kerr with nine

minutes remaining. They also survived a tantalising penalty goal attempt with three minutes left by Thompson, which passed six inches outside a post. Thompson landed three of his six attempts and a draw was a

fitting result.
The UAU, fielding six players from Loughborough, led by seven points with wind assistance in 19 minutes, but the Polytechnics' back row and Truett, a lively centre,

caused them problems. The UAU prospered initially, a driving move involving

ing a try for McCoy, but the Polytechnics led 12-7 at the height of their powers, partly through a 40-yard dropped goal by Hill, before the UAU fought back for equality.

England Under-21s will meet the French Armed Forces at Twickenham on May 2 and then meet The Netherlands in The Hague next day. Saverimutto, the Polytechnics scrum-half, was among those to strengthen their selection prospects.

(Oxford), A Herbitech (Wales), D Welton (Trumes), G Bowles (Shefflech), S Gibbs (Newcastle, captair, rep. A Doran, Shefled), S Cassidy (Teesside), M Dewson (South Bank).

UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNSON: C Dosset (Loughborough); C Thompson (Sheffled), S Hill (Caroffl Medica), D Edwards (Loughborough); M Newson (Loughborough); A Kerr (Shrininghem), P Milles (Loughborough); L Miconey (Caroffl), M Heyton (Liverpool, captain), S Phillips (Caroffl Medica), S Butt (Caroffl), P McCoy (Liverpool), A Kloss (City), K Middleton (Loughborough), E Murchison (Loughborough), E Murchison (Loughborough), E Murchison (Loughborough), E Murchison

THE first visit that Bradford

Bradford's opponents in the Daily Mail Under-18 Cup, Mount St Mary's, also showed to advantage, led by the England 18 Group stand-off half, Ryan.

ful record at Rossiyn Park and look likely be there or while their friends and rivals, Glantaf, have also made today's knock-out stage.

EQUESTRIANISM

Hester challenges on untried horse

By JENNY MACARTHUR

Most wickets
Wasim Akram (Pak)
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Most economical bowls (runs per over; 50 overs I D N Patel (NZ) M R Whitney (Aus) D R Pringle (Eng) C J McCermoti (Aus) IT Botham (Eng) G R Larsen (NZ)

Most no-balls

CARL Hester, one of the leading contenders for the British Olympic dressage team, will have an important outing with his two grand prix horses. Walzertakt and Giorgione, in the senior selection trials at Stoneleigh today.

After the trials, Diana Mason, the chairman of the selectors, will announce the long-list for Barcelona. The first three team places are likely to fall to Jennie Loriston-Clarke with Dutch Gold, who competes in the rivals for the fourth place.

MacDonald-Hall, who was fourth on her top horse, Floriano, in the Neumunster grand prix last month, and Laura Fry, with Quarryman, the national champions and winners of the pre-selection trials earlier this month.

it totels Sri Lanka v Zimbebwe Zimbebwe v Sri Lanka England v Sri Lanka West Indies v Sri Lanka Australie v Zimbebwe Pakistan v New Zealen

Hester, aged 24, was a member of the 1990 world championship team and last year's European championship team with Rubelit von Unkenruf, his former top horse. He has several notable

final of the World Cup in Sweden next week, Anni on Arun Tor, who were fifteenth in the Paris grand prix last week, Tricia Gardiner, on Wily Imp, Richard Davison, on Master JCB, and Virginia Peters, with Tilburg, the reserves last year.
"I'm dreading riding
Walzertakt at the trials," Hes-

ter said yesterday. "I have been schooling him for only three weeks and this will be my first competition with him." Hester is aware of Walzertakt's temperamental reputation. The 12-year-old was bought in October.

that the Treasury, irrespective

agree to such a request in the forthcoming financial year.

Giorgione, Hester's other ride, proved he has the right temperament with a superb performance in The Netherlands earlier this month. Their fourth place in the grand prix and sixth in the grand prix special has half qualified them for the Olympic Games.

Like many of the others competing today, they will have to put in a good performance in May at Goodwood, Pamfou, France, or Schoten, Belgium, in order to fulfil the Olympic qualifying requirements.

SPORTS COUNCIL

Grants to governing bodies are frozen

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE national governing bodies are to have their total grant of £9.7 million frozen least one year.

The decision, which will be announced at the Recreation Management Conference in Birmingham today, will upset many of the organisations. which are already complaining that their government-

funded grants are too low. which service the governing Professor Allan Patrnore, the bodies and elite competitors. vice-chairman of the Council. said: "I do have sympathy for cil will be asking the governthe governing bodies. Howevother areas, which will benefit all sport in Britain."

The council will argue that of who wins the election, will the money will be diverted to projects in sports science. The National Sports Medicine Institute and the National Coaching Foundation, all of

4.4 per cent increase for 1992-3, and Patmore Patrnore said that the counwarned that the freeze was "indefinite". "There is no limit," he said. "It could be one ment for money to increase by the Sports Council for at er, the money is needed for the grant to the governing year or it could be five." bodies. However, it is unlikely Peter Lawson, the secretary

of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which represents the governing bodies, said: "When will the The freeze is a direct result council learn that the governof the government giving the ing bodies run sport in this council £48.7 million, only a

Wridge prov

Bradford march on

GS have made to the open section of the Rosslyn Park sevens, could, judged by their form yesterday in the qualifying stages, be a fruitful one (Michael Stevenson writes). Academic commitments have meant that three first-choice players were unable to take part, but the team of lower VIth-form boys comfortably won all four group matches.

Llandovery have a wonderthereabouts this afternoon,

OPEN TOURINAMENT: Group A: Yegol Glamtar 40, John Cleveland 0; Sheppey 18, Gursaresbury 0; John Cleveland 0; Sheppey 18, Gursaresbury 0; John Cleveland 18, Edwards 10; John Cleveland 10; Steppey 28; St Edwards 10; John Cleveland 10; Sheppey 28; St Edwards 10; John Cleveland 10; Sheppey 28; St Edwards 10; John Cleveland 30; Sheppey 29; John Cleveland 30; Sheppey 29; John Cleveland 30; Garnaresbury 4, Group wireners: Yegol Glantal, Group 8: Tiffin 6, Millield 13; Maldesbne 6; Tiffin 12; St Bede's 15; Tiffin 12; Alledesbne 6; Millield 13; Maldesbne 6; Tiffin 12; St Bede's 15; Tiffin 0; Nottingham 12; St Bede's 22; Tiffin 0; Nottingham 20; Maldesbne 22; Alledford 22; Nottingham 0; Maldesbne 3; St Bede's 20; Tiffin 0; Nottingham 20; Maldesbne 10; Nottingham 12; Latymer 10; Nottingham 20; Maldesbne 20; Nottingham 20; Malde

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FROM STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE

NO LASTING damage was inflicted on England here last night. Yet they were more than fortunate that their impressive record under Graham Taylor, a manager who has lost only one of his first 17 internationals, was not imprinted with the most significant blemish since he took over 18 months ago.

Almost all of his extensive experiments failed. Taylor was sitting in his laboratory and listening to the unnerving sounds of bottles exploding around him but, when he looked around, he could see that his equipment, though cracked and burnt, was still in working order.

His side, which was initially built along the most attack-ing lines yet which finished almost wholly re-arranged, survived — but never convincingly.

Since the game represented one of the last occasions dur-ing which he was prepared to try new tactics and players. the outcome was less than comforting. So were several

individual performances. To hold Czechoslovakia was in itself an achievement. The runners-up to France in their European champion-ship qualifying group, they are one of the strongest na-tions to be left outside the finals in Sweden in June. Yet the score did not reflect their overall superiority in their own national stadium.

They had already stretched England's defence before they took the lead midway through the first half. Ironically, Walker, whose contribution was again crucially assured, was indirectly responsible for the goal by conceding a free kick near the right-hand touchline.

Covanec, whose set-pieces were persistently threatening, curled the cross towards Skuhravy and he glanced his header behind the stranded Seaman, a goalkeeper who

Republic of Ireland.....

FROM CLIVE WHITE

JOHN Aldridge came to the

rescue of the Republic of Ire-

land here yesterday as surely and swiftly as if he had

swooped down from the grey

skies which hung over Lans-

downe Road. Coming on as a

substitute after 80 minutes to

a rapturous welcome, he re-

sponded by winning and con-

verting a penalty with two minutes remaining to give

the Irish a victory they just

Until the belated arrival of

"supersub", it seemed that

the two sides would have to

settle for a draw, earned by an own goal apiece. Ronnie

Whelan's return to the Irish

team after an absence of

nearly 17 months had been

blighted by the fact that the

about deserved.

Switzerland ...

appeared to be unsettled throughout the night. Rocastle, picked for the first time to occupy the right-hand flank, was no more certain.

In an attempt to protect him, Platt retreated in a midfield that was consequently unbalanced. Barnes, though the Czechoslovaks could not restrain him, was also stationed too deep and Clough, too, was forced into a largely negative role. Little was seen of England's creative department, which looked so potentially inventive on paper.

At least that promise was evident in the 28th minute. A move, initiated by Seaman's short throw to Pearce. reached fruition once Clough, with a wholly unexpected pass, invited Hateley to re-lease Platt on the left. His cross ran on conveniently for Merson, who promptly scored on his debut.

In joining Shearer and Wise, who had similarly marked their first appearances under Taylor, he beat Miklosko, the West Ham United goalkeeper, who has become accustomed to being beaten by first division repre sentatives this season. He could do no more than help Merson's shot into the corner

England, though in disar-ray at the back, where Keown found Skuhravy a more formidable and elusive oppo-nent than Cantona at Wembley last month, held on until the hour. By then, Seaman had uncomfortably shovelied Kula's effort around a post and almost inadvertently turned in Hapal's drive from an acute angle.

Yet the Arsenal goalkeep-er's vulnerability, which was demonstrated during his last appearance against Argentina ten months ago, was illustrated again. Although his vision was impaired, he allowed Chovanec's corner to thread its way through a queue of defenders and between his legs.

England were by now a makeshift unit. Rocastle had been spared further misery by being replaced by Dixon at half-time, as was Clough by

Consequently, he had par-

ticular reason to be grateful when his former Liverpool

League's leading goalscorer

Gamnerie.



Stumbling block: Clough, of England, tackles Kubik in Prague yesterday

Stewart, and another change had to be made when Barnes indicated that he had pulled a hamstring. Suprisingly, Dorigo was brought on in his

At that stage, defeat was a probability but Keown, whose erratic evening encapsulated the nature of England's display, restored their dignity. Pearce, characteristically scrambling for possession near a touchline provided

him with the ball and the central defender, after checking his sights, unleashed an unlikely drive high past Miklosko's right hand. He completed his second

full appearance by being booked for one of several fierce challenges on Skuhravy but Czechoslovakia were more lenient. Indeed, Dorigo almost achieved the most unlikely of victories near the end, by which time Lineker,

Zamorano, who signed a four-year contract for Seville

in 1990, caused an uproar at

the club this week following a

report in the leading daily, El

Pais, indicating that negotia-tions for his transfer to Real

Madrid to replace Sánchez were at an advanced stage.

chairman, said any interes". 1

club would first have to pay

the 1 billion pesetas stipulat-

ed in the agreement with the player should the contract be

broken, El Pais reported

Lois Cuerva, the Seville

the last of the outfield substitutes, had taken the place of his club colleague, Mabbutt. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: L Mildosko (West Harn United): P Happai (Olon uch Sigma), M Kadle Keisernisutem), K Kule (Stutt-gert), M Gitonak (Slovan Brateslava), V Nemecek (Sparta Prague), M Bitek (Betes), J Chovanac (Sparta Prague), L Kubik (Mets), T Skuhravy (Genoa), i Knofficak (Rocham)

(Boctum). D Seaman (Arsenal). M Keown (Everton), S Pearce (Notingham Forest), D Rocastle (Arsena), D Walker (Notingham Forest), G Mabbut (Torten-ham Hotspur), D Platt (Bart). P Merson (Arsenal), N Clough (Notingham Forest). M Hazalev (Rangers), J Barnes (Liverpoot).

Seville puts heavy Aldridge proves a saviour bill on Zamorano O'Brien, who had come on. for McGoldrick, might have Swiss goal was credited to

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

colleague and the Football scored his 37th goal of the season after being flattened himself in the penalty area by

The Swiss were starved of scoring opportunities though Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, will not be happy about conceding a goal for their seventh consecutive match. The defence appeared to be caught as Sutter's free kick skimmed off the head of

Whelan, deceiving Bonner. Ireland were level within two minutes, when the productive Staunton played a through ball to Coyne, who was still struggling to control it, when Schepull, in trying to dispossess the Celtic forward. only succeeded in stabbing the ball past his goalkeeper.

done better with a header to a cross from Sheedy, another second-half substitute, but more galling was the miss of Covne, when he miskicked almost directly in front of goal after a knockdown from Cascarino. It was the prelude to his substitution and Aldridge's timely intro-

REPUBLIC OF RELAND: P Bonner (Cettic); C Morrie (Cettic), T Photen (Wintolecton), D O'Leary (Arearel, sub: 1 Daish, Carribridge United), P McGrath (Aston Ville), R Kester, (Notting Paris, R), R Whelen (Liverpool), E McGoldrick (Crystel Paices, sub: L O'Brien, Newcastie United), T Coyne (Cellic, sub: J Aktridge, Transner Rovers), A Cascarino (Chelses), S Staumton (Aston Ville, sub: K Sheedy, Newcastie United), M Brunner (Grese-hopper), C O'tret (Lausenne, Sub: R Rothenburier, Neuchâliel Xamen), H Gessporte (Gresehopper), P Schepull (Servetin), A Egil (Neuchâliel Xamen), A Quigar (FC Scion), B Pitteretti (FC Scion), T Bictol (Gresehopper), sub: M Heldmann, Wettingen), K Turicymaz (Bolognin, A Sutter (Gresehopper), S Chiquiant (Borussia), Dortmund, sub: Chiquiant (Borussia), Dortmund, sub: Chiquiant (Borussia), Dortmund, sub: Chicaga.

ree: R Dominousz (United States).

REAL Madrid will have to Zamorano said that the fee pay at least 1 billion pesetas was being negotiated by both (£5.5 million) if they want the Chilean forward, Ivan The chibs. He said he would like to play for Real Madrid, the Terrible" Zamorano to releague leaders, but would also place the veteran Mexican, be happy to stay on with Seville, seventh of the 20 Hugo Sánchez, Spanish newspapers were concluding

Real Madrid have reportedly also expressed interest in Barcelona's Bulgarian forward. Hristo Stoichkov, to take over the position held since 1985 by Sanchez. whose contract with the club expires in June, just weeks

before his 34th birthday. Sanchez, who was injured between April, 1991, and last January, responded angrily to the Zamorano report. He told El Pais it was "unethical on all sides" that the story should appear in the media. He said he deserved respect until his contract ended.

Aldershot shut down and out of League

By Louise Taylor

ALDERSHOT lost their struggle for survival shortly after 5pm yesterday when the liquidator telephoned the Football League to say that time had run out for the fourth division side, after

formal statement this morning when the fourth division table will be recast with Aldershot's results expunged. This could be a setback for some of the sides who had already taken six points from Aldershot.

club to leave the League in

After being wound up a week ago, Aldershot were given a seven-day reprieve to find a saviour and mount a successful appeal. That quest proved in vain and the club collapsed owing £1.2 million to assorted creditors
— almost £100,000 of it to
the Inland Revenue.

One offer of £150,000

The team's nine remain-

Swindon Town and Car-diff City offered Aldershot the rent-free use of their grounds for the remainder

executive of the PFA, has pledged financial help for the nine players. "I fear this may not be a one-off," he

will be replaced. It is possible — but unlikely — that two, rather than one, teams could be promoted from the GM Vauxhall Conference.

the next few seasons.

day, but Bright told Steve Coppell, his manager, that he was not interested.

RUGBY UNION

60 years in the League. The League will issue a

Aldershot are the first

mid-season since Accrington Stanley's demise in March 1962, and only the fourth in League history— the other two being Wigan Borough and Leeds City.

was the nearest the club came to being rescued. Paul Barrett, of R the Southampton-based liquidators, said:
"We needed someone to
walk in and put £350,000
on the table, but it was never going to happen — the £150,000 was not enough. It is the end of the story."

ing professionals — includ-ing Ian MacDonald, the player-manager — have not been paid since before Christmas and had been training individually at home since January. The gates of the Recreation Ground have been padlocked for the past two weeks by Rushmoor Bor-ough Council, which is owed £225,000.

of the season, but the League rejected this. Gordon Taylor, the chief

The League has to decide how, or whether, Aldershot

Instead, the League will robably delay any additions in anticipation of getting two more members when the Premier League is reduced to 20 clubs within

Aldershot looked doomed two years ago, but survived after an eleventh-hour intervention from a teenager claiming to be a property tycoon, who later was un-able to fulfil his promises. ☐ Mark Bright, the Crystal Palace forward, last night rejected a £1 million move to Wimbledon, the tenants at Selhurst Park, who are looking for a forward part-ner for John Fashanu. They made their move on Tues-

CRICKET

Fletcher demands safer approach from his batsmen

From Richard Streeton in bridgetown, barbados

A SUBDUED England A team flew here yesterday from St Vincent to prepare for the third unofficial test match with West Indies A next weekend, the final game of the tour. They will not lack determination, but a clear disparity between the sides emerged at Arnos Vale on Tuesday when West Indies went 2-0 ahead in the series

England from fielding their strongest team in any match on the tour so far and this run of bad luck has done nothing to help them. They badly need Malcolm and Pick, their two fastest bowlers, to play in the third unofficial test together and both hope to resume practice tomorrow. Nasser Hussain, who frac-

with a nine-wickets win.

Injuries have prevented

tured a finger three weeks ago, has stayed on the tour in the expectation of playing on Saturday. Even if he is completely recovered, he faces a hard task to justify the tour management's confidence against an attack which has proved so destructive.

Keith Fletcher, the Eng-

land team manager, believes all five of the West Indian

bowlers could play senior Test cricket. Walsh and Gray still have plenty to offer. Benjamin and Joseph, the newcomers, one suspects will soon be attracting offers from English counties; and Perry is clearly on the way to becoming an outstanding off-spinner.

From what he had seen on the tour, though, Fletcher said he was is less confident about West Indian batting standards. He admitted the West Indies A bowlers were better than their English counterparts, but claimed the England batting was stronger, though they needed to

learn to build an innings. Too often. Fletcher added, the England batsmen made useful scores in the twenties and thirties and then got out instead of going on to score a hundred. There was a thin borderline between playing positive strokes and rash or

ill-advised ones, It was essential for the top order batsmen to make runs, as the West Indian bowlers were too good for the tailenders. "You are always going to be under pressure in a four-day game if you do not make 350," he added.

ICE HOCKEY

Pleasant surprise for British coach

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GREAT Britain achieved their objective in Hull, gaining promotion to Pool B of next year's world champion-ships. And they did so far more easily than might have been expected.

The British coach, Alex Dampier, attributed this less to the inferior quality of the opposition than to the way the British team played. "I did not really think our

team could play as well as they did," he said. "Some of them really played a lot better than I thought they could. "What we need now is more

training time and more exhibition games. We also need to put together a B team so that all the youngsters coming through the under-19 and under-21 teams can be put in a group.
"We can then have a look at

them against international competition and really assess whether they are ready to indeed.

move into the senior team". Can we envisage some changes in the squad for next year's entry into Pool B? "There are a few who will

be retiring," said Dampier.
"And I would like to think that we can reduce the average age." One department in which the British game lags behind is skating and our domestic

game tends to be fairly static. Dampier blames this deficiency on the demands put on British players, with so many teams in this country causing the talent to be spread thinly. "Another problem is that our season is too long," Dampier

With Pool B starting in early April, a time when British players are normally involved in Heineken championship play-offs, next be looked at very carefully

YACHTING

Soling mutiny against Smith reinstatement

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUERTO SHERRY, SPAIN

THE Soling world champ-ionship descended into chaos vesterday when 39 skippers called a strike half an hour before the 60-strong fleet was due to leave here for the fifth race in the Bay of Cadiz.

The protesting skippers drew up a hastily signed petition after the jury decided to reinstate ten crews, including Britain's Lawrie Smith, who had earlier been disqualified for sailing the wrong course during Sunday's second race. Smith, who had been first to cross the finish line, was

awarded top points along with Sweden's Per Ahlby who had been the first finisher to correctly read the unusual change of course routine laid down by the race organisers. Smith, who holds the provisional lead in the championship, and nine other competitors, failed to read the committee's muddled signals

correctly. "This is mob rule. The organisers have lost complete control," Smith said, "The jury has considered all the

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facts and come up with an equitable solution. They should now stand by their decision." Ed Baird, one of the lead-

ing American competitors. said: "This is a complete waste of a day. The jury will probably change their minds for a third time and call for the race to be re-sailed. That is now the fairest option, but because we did not race today means we now have to cram four races into the next two days. If we have problems with the weather, we probably won't complete the

programme."

☐ Chris Law lost his lead at the Congressional Cup match-race championship at Long Beach, California, after being defeated in three of his four matches on Tuesday. The lead is held by the little known American, Terry

POSITIONS (after seven mores): 1, T Hutchinson (US), 6 wine, 1 defeat, equal 2, R Hames (US), 8 Pace (Fr), P Campos (So), 5-2, 5, J Kostacha (US), 4-3; 6, C Law (GB), 3-4; equal 7, S Stehrer (US), G Lucas (Aus), L Klein (US), 2-5; 10, P Pertemon (Swe), 1-6.

LITTLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL THIS WEEK ALL TIME RECORD PAYOUT TREBLE CHANCE PAYING 6 DIVIDENDS 10 HOMES £10.60 22 Pts £20.40

LITTLEWOODS DOUBLE CHANCE POOL SEE APRIL 4TH COUPON FOR DETAILS

Holders in form

England, the holders, made a satisfactory start to their defence of the women's bowls home international team championship when they beat Ireland, 133-105, at Llanelli yesterday.
Although their victory will

raise England's confidence for today's encounter with Wales, they may well consider that they owed too much to the rink skipped by Mavis Steele, of Egham.

One man show

Hockey: Peter Boxell, who plays for Southgate in the national league, scored all the goals for the Seventh Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, in their 3-0 defeat of 42nd Survey Engineer Group, Royal Engineers, in the Army Cup final at Aldershot yesterday.

Smooth Hicks

Snooker: Andy Hicks, at 18 the youngest player remaining in the Embassy world championship, smoothly progressed into the fourth qualifying round with a 10-1 victory over Brady Gollan. Canada, at the Guildhall. Preston. He faces John Campbell, of Australia, today with the winner going forward to face Willie Thorne on Saturday for a place in next month's final stages.

Coach's writ

Rugby league: Alex Murphy, Huddersfield coach, has issued a writ against Leigh alleging wrongful dismissal following his departure from the club in August, 1991.

Ouids in

Cricket: Sussex have reported a profit of £64,814 for 1991 and club members will also be told at tonight's annual meeting that total income exceeded £1 million for the first time.

Losing year

Rugby union: The New Zealand Rugby Football Union lost NZ \$414,844 (£133,000) in the 1991 financial year. Much of the loss was blamed on tours to New Zealand by Romania and the CIS.

Heavy brigade

Olympic Games: The United States will enter its largest Olympic team ever when it sends 624 competitors to compete in official medal sports in the Summer Games at Barcelona. The previous record was 601 in 1988.

Collins extra

Boxing: Steve Collins, the Irish middleweight, has been nominated as leading contender for the European

FOOTBALL International matches

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brentford 0. Colchester 1. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Swindon 3, Crystal Palace 1; Fulham 2, spewich 3. IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Portadown 1. Linfield 3. Postponed:

IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Portadown 1. Linited 3. Postponed: Citionville v Lume. SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Adidas U-19 Trophy: Regional final replay: Nattinghamatre 1. Humberside 0. English Dismik U-16 Trophy; Cuarter-final replay: Torquay Grammar 3. King Altred, Wantage 2.

Late results on Tuesday UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONISHIP: Quarter-final, second tag: Scotland 4, Germany 3 (Scotland win 5-4 on agg). B INTERNATIONAL: Czechoslovaka 0. England 1. UNDER-21 INTERNATIONALS: Franca O. Belgiam 0; Republic of Ireland 1, Switzerland 1. BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Bolton Wanderen 2, Peterborough Uni-

Switzerland 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Bolton Wantderars 2. Peterborough United 1; Bournemouth 1. Exeter City 0. Chester City 3. Stockport County 2. Leyton Orient 4. Bury b. Torquey United 1. Bermingham City 2. Fourth division: Barnet 0, Burnley 0; Carisis United 0, Wrecham 1; Chesterlield 2. Crewe Alaxandra 1; Mansfield Town 0, Lincoln City 0 GM VAUXHALL CONFERIENCE: Barth 0. Colchester 0: Chetterham 2. Telford 1; Kettaring 2. Macclessiald 0; Merthyr Tydlil 1. Famborough 0, Redbridge Forest 0, Yeovil 0; Wycombe 2, Northwish 0. B. AND 0 SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Morton 0, Kitmannock 0. FAH HARP LAGER CUP: Second round raplay; St. James's Gare 3, Fenad 2 (asr). PONTINS CENTRAL, LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City 0, Sheffield Wednesday (); Liverpool 0, West Bromwich 1; Manchester City 4, Rotherham 0; Sheffield United 0, Aston Ville 0. Second division: Girmsby 1, Stoke 1. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Wartford 3, Millward 3.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Southern division: Brantree 5, Baldook 0; Juristable 2, Andover 3, Milliand division: Newport AFC 0, Redditch 1; RC Warwick 1, Rushlem 1; Stouthidge 2, Biston 1. Berdaya Commercial Services Cup: Bromegrove 2, Dorohester 1 (Dorchester win S-3 on agg).

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 0, Emiley 1; Moracambe 1, Fleetwood 2; Mossley 0, Accington 1, Fleetwood 2; Mossley 0, Accington 1, Fleetwood 2; Mossley 0, Accington 1, Fleetwood 2; Mossley 0, Kingstonian 3, Cheshem 1; Winder and Eton 1, Woldingham 0, First division: Chaffont St Peter 1, Aveley 2, Dutwich 1, Tooting and Milcham 1; Heybridge 2, Borsham Wood St Maldenhead 3, Leyton-Wingste 2, Whytoleade 2, Craydon 3, Second division: Cherisay 3, Royston 0; Epsom and Ewell 3, Hertford 1 STHAMAN LEAGUE CUP: Semi-finate, second log: Erfield 0, Ware 0 (Enfeld win 2-1 on agg): Grays 1, St Albans 0 (Greys win 3-2 on agg): All Page 1771 a WEL St. C. C. All Page 1771 a WEL St. All Page 1771 a WEL St.

2-1 on agg): Grays 1, St Abbans 0 (Grays win 3-2 on agg).

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Senti-final, first leg: Cardiff 0, Meastep 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Prax division: Native Road (Mas) 1, Prescot 1; Partiff 2, Atherton LR 1. Tennent's Floodift Trophy: "Clitheroe 1, Blackpool Rovers 2; Great Harwood 1, Bamber Bridge 0

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: West Auckland 2, Tow Law 1. West Auckland 2, Tow Law 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE. Premier division: Liversedge 1, Harrogate RAC; Pontefract Collieries 1.
Ossett Town 0.

BASKETBALL

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H-mete 120; Philadelphia 75ers 105. San
Antorso Spurs 92: Deriver Nuggats 100.
Minnesota Temberwolves 95; Cieveland
Cavellers 128, inclains Pacers 113. New
York Knidos 126, Orlando Magic 117;
Chicago Buda 116, Denver Nuggets 103,
Portiand Trail Blazers 108, Daltes Mavertoks 83; Seettle SuperSonics 126, Houston Rockets 106, Milvaudee Bucks 113,
Sacramento Kings 102.

BOWLS L'ANELL! British Isles women's in-doors championships: Finals: Singles: England 21, Ireland 19, Pairs: England 19, Wales 13. Triples: Ireland 19, Sootland 8. Fours: Wales 20, Scotland 18.

CYCLING

CATALAN WEEK: Spit second stage: Section one (SUkm) 1. M Hermans (Neth), The 47min O4sec; 2. J.C Colort (Fr), 3, 5 Moneals (Sen), 4. K Hundstmank (Ger); 5, A Gutterrez; 6, K Westzd (Den), all same time. Section two (SB.5min) 7. F Pintaro. 2hr 14min 14eet; 2, Hormans; 3, Moneals 4, Gutterrez; 5, Colotti, 6, Pechero, all same time. Overfall: 1, Colotti, 8, trundertmark.

SWOUNLEN' PRESTON: Embassy world championship: Third qualifying round (Eng unless stated): R Foldwar (Aus) bit B Morgan, 108; A Heiseliton leads M Rowing, 54; J Campbell (Aus) leads I, Griffin, 7-2; A Holds leads B Gollan (Can), 8-1; 4 Wych (Can) leads S Campbell, 5-4; C Edwards leads K Ashby, 7-2; A Kearney (Ire) leads J McLaughin (N Ire), 5-4; B West leads D Rippon 5-4; S Duggen level with P Mediati Eng), 4-4; A Meo bit J Grach (Matta), 10-1; J K Doharty (Ire) bit G Natale (Can), 10-1; J Wright bit R Williams, 10-2; P Ebdon bit N Oyson, 10-5; J Writtins bit J Chambers, 10-7; J Birch bit R Pinches, 10-7; I Brumby bit F Chan (FR), 10-8. HOCKEY

TYPHOO NATIONAL LEAGUE: Sleugh 1, Leicester O. Stough win title. ALDERSHOT: Army Cup: Finat: 7th Pera Regt RHA S, 42nd Survey Engineer Gp 2. ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool 8 (Jo-hannesburg): Israel 8, Turkey 2, Spain 10, Greice 1, Pool C (Humberside): Australia 8, Beiglum 2: Great Britain 14, Hungary 3, NATIONAL-LEAGUE (NHL): Dezrot Red Wings 4, Pritteburgh Penguna 3; New York Rangers 4, Philadelphia Fiyers 3; Cusbec Nordiques 5, New York Islanders 2: Hartigrd Winsters 8, Washington Capi-tels 2, Vancouver Canucks 4, Minnesotta North Stars 2: Edmonton Ollers 4, Calgary Flames 4

HXTURES ?? FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.00): West Bromwich v Shelfield Wed. Second division: Manafield v Derby.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Semi-final: Sheffield v Botton (at Hillsborough, 7.15) OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British listes women's inter-nationals (Lianelli)

BOXING: Commonwealth middleweight chemplonelup (vezant): Richie Woodhall (Tellord) v Vito Gebrideso (Aus) (Tellord ios Rink), Scottish ABA finets (Grangemouth)

RUGBY UNION: National schools sev-ens (Roselyn Park RFC).

ens (Roselyn Park Hru). SNOOKER: World champ

CEN WELSH LEAGUE: First 1: Maesteg 12. Pontypredd 42. 1 division: Ebbw Vale 10. 10 6; Tredeger 9, South Weles RAF SHIELD: Semi-final: Locking 9, Benson (). Sensor C. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scotland Under 21 28, Scotlish Students 24. SWIMMING

SWIMMING
BRITISH GRAND PRIX RANKINGS:
Men: Sprint freestyle: 1, M Fitberns
(Barnet Copthell), 102pts, 2 P Howe (City
of Birmispham), 38, 3, G Bulphit (Herrow
and Wasidstone), Distance freestyle: 1,
Howe, 96; 2, I Wison (Borough of
Sunderland), 85, 3, S Akers (City of
Sunderland), 85, 3, S Akers (City of
Leede), 80, Backstrote: 1, G Robins
(Portsmouth Northsee), 58, 2, J Fleet
(Walthamstow Gatora), 88; 3, C Kapp
(Camden Series Cottage), 87, Breaststroke: 1, J Parrack (City of Leeds), 93, 2, A
Linghton (City of Dundee), 67, Butterfly:
1, T Jones (City of Birmingham), 98, 2, A
Calyton (City of Leeds), 52; 2, A Culin
(Traiford Boro), 80 Mediey: 1, Robins, 98,
2, M Weighton (Worthspton), 98, 3, F
Walter (Warrender) Women: Sprint
treestyle: 1, A Sheppard (Mitigapris and
Bearsden), 95, 2, K Cheney (Spondon),
98; 3, N Elliott (City of Bristol), 74,
Distance Prestyle: 1, 9 Girlillen (City of
Leeds), 74 Backstroke: 1, A Bennett
(Nova Centurion), 89; 2, H Slatter (Warriors of Warrington), 85; 3, W Greaves
(Nova Centurion), 79, Breatstströke: 1, L
Coombes (City of Suthempolon), 102; 2, L
Rogers (City of Bristol), 97; 2, Statter, 79,
3, V Horner (Newburn), 77, Mediey: 1,
Horner, 85; 2, L Findley (Kelly College),
39; 3, Statter, 80.

SAN ANTONIO. Textas: Women's hardcourt championships: First round: CRubin (US) to J. Watsnebe (US), 7-8, 5-1; Fenetck (US) to CPomick (Gen.), 7-5, 6-3, N Seudone (II) bit M Kochts (Gen.), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; L Alien (US) bit A Straudova (CR), 6-2, 6-2; B Sewes (US) bit P Thoren (Fin), 4-8, 6-4, 8-4, M Sebet (Gen.) bit P Harper (US), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; A Frazzer (US) bit C Seojamin, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bit S Rehe (US), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.

FOOTBALL 31

England have no plausible excuses for their third defeat in three cricket World Cup finals

Pakistan crowned champions

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THERE could be no excuses. This time, there was no possible injustice. England did not win the World Cup final here yesterday because they did not deserve to.

The cup was won, for the first time, by the volatile and inspirational men of Pakistan. More particularly, it was won by Imran Khan. who has planned for this moment for two years and who never lost faith that it would happen, even against the improbable odds that confronted him a fortnight ago.

It was then, amid the battered morale of players on the very brink of elimination, that Imran invoked the leadership ploy of risking all when there is nothing left to lose. He told his men to behave like cornered tigers. Only he and his players know how the address was delivered, but the world now knows its effect.

Pakistan, clumsy and clueless in the early rounds, needed to win five successive games to take the cup and they did so with ever-increasing conviction.

Yesterday, they touched heights that few countries rarely reach. The fickle gifts that decorate this team were produced on cue and the effect was like the synchronised opening of parcels on Christmas morning

Imran and Javed Miandad, the lord and his lieutenant, batted with the good sense born of five World Cups together. Later, they hugged animatedly, aware that their structured stand of 139 had influenced the game every bit as much as Wasim Akram's consummate all-round performance, Mushtaq Ahmed's beguiling leg-spin and Inzamam's stunningly confi-

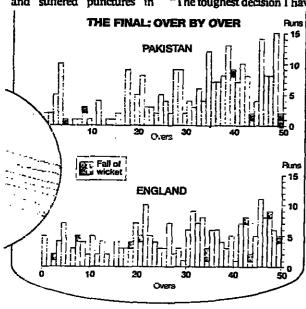
dent strokeplay.

Against such a performance, even the England who began this tournament with method and momentum

would have struggled to cope. The England who sustained themselves yesterday on the pickings of memory ere incroughly outplayed. The margin was only 22 runs, but the defeat was heavier. "It was," as Graham Gooch confessed, "pretty conclusive".

Gooch could be excused for wearing his most sorrowful expression last night. The hurt of losing his third World Cup final was plain.

England did their best It just was not the best to that we had become accustomed until the tour bandwagon lost a wheelnut or two in Ballarat and suffered punctures in





Over and out: Imran, the Pakistan captain, signals the wicket of Illingworth and the end of England in Melbourne yesterday

Wellington and Albury that were never adequately

To win yesterday, in a state of reduced confidence and poorly concealed fatigue, England needed their leading players — Lewis, Botham and Gooch — to summon one final show. They did not have it in them.

cup final day on the front pages and in the television headlines for walking out on the official banquet.

By the time they walked out together again, this time to open England's batting, the game had taken an ominous

Imran won the toss and chose to bat, having been informed that Robin Smith, although declared fit, had not been included by England. "The toughest decision I have

> Akram, who then put on 52 England had looked like chasing no more than 220, very attainable on a good pitch with a last outfield. Instead, they set off in a more pressurised pursuit of 250 -a target that was still more remote after a tempestuous start against Akram's darting inswing and Aqib's varied

It was now that Brian Aldridge, the New Zealand umpire, gave two dubious de-cisions - one inflaming the Pakistanis, the other dispatching Botham muttering his helmet

ever had to make," Gooch

through injury, did return -

and it was just as well. Not

only did he take two wickets

with the new ball and another

in the final over, he bowled so

tightly that only 14 runs came

from the bat in his ten overs.

Lewis's final four overs were

caned for 42, Botham con-

ceded six an over and Ill-

ingworth five. All this after

Pakistan had lost two for 24

and then stood at only 70 at

the halfway point and 125

Imran had a plan, howev-

er, and he carried it through

to perfection. Although

Miandad. now struggling

with a back injury, was out to

a violent reverse sweep and

Imran joined him four overs

later, the platform had been

solidly laid for Inzamam and

with 15 overs remaining.

Derek Pringle, who missed

Botham plainly thought he had not hit the ball from Akram that brought his end. The posturing Sohail, who

had already been fined once for his behaviour in this tournament, was fortunate to esthe previous two games cape further censure for first prancing in front of Botham, pointing him to the dressingroom, then firing some uncomplimentary words at Stewart after Aldridge reprieved him for what looked a

plainer deflection. however, and when Mushtag. having confused Hick with a top-spinner, left him floundering with a googly and very much leg-before, England were sliding.

The mortal blow was the end of Gooch, top-edging a sweep against Mushtaq. whom Imran later admitted was almost sent home prior to the tournament, so badly was

Lamb and Fairbrother restored hope in a stand of 72, but back came Akram to provide the memory of the match. One ball swung in to Lamb, then jagged aw., to hit off-stump; the next cut viciously in to bowl Lewis off an inside edge. Game over, despite Fairbrother's pluck.

At the end of it, the Pakistani players flung themselves down in prayers of thanks and Imran mounted the rostrum with pride in his step and smile.

He dedicated the triumph to the cancer hospital in Lahore, his abiding obsession. The fund-raising will go on, he said, and, because cricket is so important among the moneyed of his country, he must go on playing.
That means he will be back

in England this summer. more sobering news at the end of a deflating final day for

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Total (49.2 overs, 213 min),

Pakistan won by 22 runs.

Akram saves his best for the big show

So Pakistan stand at last on top of the cricket world, their great talent for the game rewarded with the one-day championship. For England to lose to them yesterday was no disgrace. Pakistan played some fine cricket, and just when a crack or two were being opened up by Lamb and Fairbrother, Wasim Akram sealed them with two won-

derfully good balls.

Pakistan come to England this summer, and in Test cricket as well as the one day game they are going to provide formida-ble opposition.

More than half a century ago, C B Fry wrote that the best natural batsmen in the world were to be found on the sub-continent; and when Partition came in 1947 it was Pakistan who picked up the best fast bowlers, those, like Wasim Akram and Imran Khan, who come from up in the northwest. Imran is not, in fact, a fast bowler any-more: but, at 25, Wasim Akram, when he is in the mood. is tremendously

I sat for a while during yesterday's match with Alec Bedser, whose great bowling here in 1950-1 owed more to movement off the seam than in the air. Wasim Akraru and Aqib. on the other hand, kept beating the bat with outswing, and Wasim, sometimes, with late in-swing as

England, in the field, had played cricket's version of a spoiling game, concentrating on containment.
Wasim Akram and Aqib, and then Mushtag, with a googly that was quite be-yond Hick's comprehen-sion, kept bowling wicket-taking balls.

Wasim Akram personi-fies Pakistan cricket he is extravagantly gifted, tryingly capricious and prone to injury. He chose the World Cup final to be on his most devastating form.

has a bat that weighs nearer 4lb than 3lb — I picked it up once in Lahore and it felt like an overloaded suitcase - and he used it now to flay, with a vital runs in 18 balls. In his previous seven innings in this World Cup, he had



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He was then so inaccurate and yet so good with the new ball that England's early batsmen hardly knew what to expect next. A legside wide was as likely as not to be followed by something that Gooch. Botham and Hick could not lay a bat on. There was acrimony when Botham departed, having been giv-en out caught at the wicket, amid much ranting and raving, and again when Stewart took on allcomers after being not out, also caught at the wicket, when the Pakistanis thought he had been.

Pakistan do tend to show the unacceptable face of the game on these occasions, but they are not alone in that. It is something that umpires are all too seldom man enough to

asim Akram's part, therefore, in Pakistan's victory was crucial. So was Javed Miandad's, and so, of course, in all kinds of ways. was Imran's. They know what Imran expects of them and generally make an effort to produce it. It has been sad, though, to see how such a brilliant player as Salim Malik scems to have been frozen out of the action.

In Pakistan's ten matches, he has faced only 147 balls, 37 more than Imran did yesterday. Any other side in the competition would have liked to have a player half as good as Sa-lim to put in at No. 4.

Of the younger school. Inzamam. Mushtaq. Aaqib and Moin, in his rather too showy way, helped to make this very much a team ef-fort by Pakistan. While Imran was batting, I thought he was satisfied with too little for too long. It meant that, after 20 overs. Pakistan were still

only 49 for two. But, as happened in their semi-final in Auckland, inzaman came along and made up for any time that had been lost. Imran believes Inzaman to be as good if not better than India's Tendulkar, though they are, it is fair to say, two quite different types of

It would never do to end rithout a special tribute to Mushtaq. When Abdul Qadir, the best and most entertaining of leg spin-ners of the past 15 years. started, he was older than Mushtaq is now, though eventually they overlapped.

Mushtaq, I think, may never become quite as good as Qadir, but he could ell be less temperamental. That he should be arguably, nay unarguably, the bowler of the World Cup, a competition that is more about defence than attack, is a cause for celebration on a night when, for once, inspiration has been seen to get the better of

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Gooch proves gracious in defeat

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Pakistan won the toss and elected to bat,

GRAHAM Gooch summed up the mood of the England party after the World Cup final defeat by saying, with just the hint of a smile: "It's not the end of the world ... but it's close to it!"

At the age of 38, the England captain has learned to live with disappointment, but several members of his team struggled to haul themselves through the losers' lap of honour as Imran Khan and his players danced across the turf, passing the Waterford Crystal trophy between them while savouring the cheers from the crowd of 87,000.

The England players followed at walking pace, knowing the prize they had set themselves at the end of a hard winter's cricket had eluded them. For Gooch, it was a third losing World Cup

final. He was in the side well beaten by the West Indies at Lord's in 1979 and just edged out by Australia four-and-ahalf years ago in Calcutta. At least some members of

the party will play in future World Cups. But for Gooch, this was the final opportunity. "I think mine is the sort of record that won't be bettered," Gooch said, with a further touch of humour. "I don't think I'll get the chance to play in a fourth World Cup. But we gave it our best shot. I'm proud to have led the side and just disappointed we didn't match up on the big

The players are very dejected, but you've got to learn to live with defeat in sport at whatever level you play. We were beaten fair and square. Pakistan performed better all round. We put down a couple of hard chances and they got

a few too many. A target of around 230 would have been a good score to chase. Then they got wickets early on and generally bowled very well. But it's still been a tremendous tournament to play in, and the support we've had has been fantastic."

Gooch looks set to stay at the helm for the Test series against Pakistan in England this season. "I think I will carry on next summer, but I will re-assess the situation when I get home," he said. Wasim Akram who fol-

lowed his punishing innings with three wickers, including two with successive balls, won the man-of-the-match award. But, fittingly, it was Imran, who will be 40 later this year, who ended the contest by dismissing the last England baisman, Illingworth, "It's certainly the most fulfilling and satisfying cricket moment of my life," Pakistan's captain said.

In terms of what it means to me and the people back home, this is the pinnacle. We've never won the cup before and I'm sure everyone

will be going crazy."

After losing three of their first five matches. Pakistan looked odds on to miss the semi-finals. "I just told the players to be like cornered tigers with nowhere to go," Imran said.

He admitted that his team had hit "rock bottom" after their loss to South Africa on adjusted run rate in Brisbane. The hardest thing for a captain is not when the team is going well, but when it's going badly. And there was a time when morale was very

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Whose hand on the Oscars?

Anthony Holden looks at the runners and

riders and nominates his own Oscar favourites for the 64th Academy Awards

ho will strike Hollywood gold at Mon-day's 64th Academy Awards? Will Nick Nolte's political correctness pre-vail over Warren Beatty's longservice record? Or can Anthony Hopkins make it three in a row for

Britain? Does anyone care? High-minded film buffs may dismiss the Oscars as so much Hollywood hype, but mainstream moviegoers certainly seem to care as much as the industry itself. Monday's telecast will be watched by one billion people in a hundred countries. The stars whose names emerge from those famous envelopes can expect an Oscar to add instant digits to their already prodigious fees, and confer a distinct hint of immortality. To the studios, a nomination

alone can be worth as much as \$30 million (£17.4m) at the box office almost as much as the average total gross (\$36m) for all wide-release films. Victory can double that. Among recent Best Pictures, The Last Emperor grossed 68 per cent of its \$44m after being nominated, Platoon 71 per cent of \$138m, Rain Man 41 per cent of its \$172m. Even proven hits can be given a new lease of box-office life by an Oscar: Out of Africa added 43 per cent to its \$50m after nomination, while Amadeus more than doubled its \$23.6m.

Hence the million dollars or more the studios are prepared to invest in promoting a film's Oscar prospects. At \$5,000 a colour page, the Hollywood trade papers thrive on the saturation advertising campaigns demurely seeking the "consideration" of the voters, who are meanwhile bombarded with videos, glossy booklets, bottles of champagne and invitations to lavishly catered screenings.

Any contest between actors is, of course, "meaningless", as Hum-phrey Bogart put it, "unless they all play the same part . . . The only true test of ability would be to have all the nominees don black tights and recite Hamlet." This, of course, was before Bogie surprised himself and the movie world by beating Marlon Brando to Best Actor in 1951. Thereafter, like so many others before him, he changed his tune.

Even in Hollywood, however, nobody pretends that the Oscars are purely about artistic merit. Though they rarely honour downmarket blockbusters — this year's omissions being Terminator 2: Judgement Day and Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves - the Academy Awards are equally dis-missive of upmarket box-office flops. Launched in 1928 by MGM's Louis B Mayer, to repair the industry's tarnished reputation, the Oscars are now about hype, image and - above all -

A long list of apparent irrelevancies such as a star's age, public image, track record, popularity within the industry and box-office

product or performance with most Oscar voters, whose average age has been computed at 60. "The Academy's active membership is elderly," as one insider put it. Everyone in it is as old as God and hasn't worked in 20

They may have liberal politics but their cinematic taste is distinctly conservative, as witnessed by such recent Best Film choices as Attenborough's Gan-dhi over Spielberg's ET. Redford's Ordinary People over Scorsese's Raging Bull (voted by US critics the finest film of the 1980s), and last year's Dances with Wolves over Grifters and GoodFellas.

The Oscar electorate is comprised of the 5,000-plus members of the 12 branches of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, whose membership rules are uncannily like those of a Pall Mall club. Oscar nominees are automatically invited to join; other candidates must be proposed by two existing members in good standing, and boast a track record of tolerable reviews in at least three box-office hits.

At \$150 a year, membership entitles

cardholders to free screenings of nominated films at the Goldwyn Theater, the Academy's private cinema within its Beverly Hills headquarters, recently upgraded to the world's most sophisticated screening room. (London-based members also have their own private screenings of Oscar con-tenders in Soho Square).

To be eligible for consideration, a film must run in at least one cinema in the Los Angeles area for a minimum of a week prior to midnight on New Year's eve. Hence the timing of the release of most Oscar candidates, in mid-December, both to capitalise on the Christmas market and to be fresh in the minds of the electorate during the voting period.

The one exception to this rule is Woody Allen, whose covert meth-od of thumbing his nose at the whole business is to release his movies in February or March, the worst possible time in the Oscar cycle. On Monday nights, when the ceremony is held, Woody has a standing prior engagement - playing his clarinet at Michael's Pub in New York. None of which, to the Academy's credit, has ever

stopped him winning Oscars. Ballot papers go out in early January, with a reminder list of eligible films, their cast and personnel. Nominations are then decided by the votes of members of the relevant Academy branch: actors, in other words, vote for actors, directors for directors, writers for writers, and so on.

Once the nominations have heen announced in mid-February. six weeks before the awards are presented, the winners in all categories are decided by a further vote of all Academy members, regardless of the branch to which A gripping finish: from top, Anthony Hopkins, Jodie Foster, the favourite for the best actress award, and Warren Beatty

inferior.

they belong. The Academy never Supporting category, where he apart from the official scrutineers, Price Waterhouse, knows what percentage of the electorate actualy returns its ballots (rumoured to be less than half) or who beat whom by what margin.

The surest winner this year looks like being Nick Nolte, whose bravura performance in Prince of Tides has several Oscar bonus features going for it. For a start, he can also boast a leading role in another nominee. Cape Fear. But if Hollywood loves anything more than versatility, it's a comeback: and Nolte's return from a decade of drink-stained womanising has been shrewdly touted by his cam-

paign team. Our own Anthony Hopkins could also, if he chose, claim the status of reformed hellraiser. But it is over a year since most voters saw The Silence of the Lambs; and Hopkins' chances have been dented by Daniel Day Lewis and Jeremy Irons. Hollywood is highly unlikely to export its Best Actor award three years in succession.

tor?" Only one female has ever been nominated for the directing Oscar: Italy's Lina Wertmüller, for Seven Beauties in 1976. The hapless Martin Scorsese, widely regarded as the finest director at work today, has yet to win his first Oscar - and is not Studio tacticians might have even nominated this year. done better to run Hopkins in the Scorsese's Cape Fear, like his

over this year's indifferent crop.

(Local sentiment favours City

Slickers's Jack Palance, 39 years

after his only previous nomina-

tion). All actors, however, regard

this secondary award as vastly

The statutory Oscar scandal is

caused this year by the omission of

Barbra Streisand from the Best

Director stakes — even though her film Prince of Tides is a Best Picture nominee. West Coast femi-

nists have not forgotten the 1984

row when Streisand's 15-year

quest to make Yentl resulted in five Oscar nominations, none of them

for her. No wonder there is now an

annual picket of the awards by a

group whose banners shriek: "Who will win Best Male Direc-

GoodFellas last year, is considered a rad too violent for the voters' taste, Professional jealousy

has also seen the exclusion for the umpteenth time of the most commercially successful director in history. Steven Spielberg, whose Hook is conspicuous by its omission from the major categories, though he has gamely accepted the Thalberg award, the Academy's consolation prize for wronged

directors.

Oscar triviasts have plenty else to relish this year: the first motherand-daughter team to win nominations, Rambling Rose's Diane Ladd and Laura Dern; the youngest ever direction nominee. Boyz N The Hood's 23-year-old John Singleton; and the first animated feature ever nominated for Best Picture, Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Only Ladd has any chance of victory, at her third nomination, thanks to the hallowed principle of

Buggins's Turn. Pace the Gott trial, this looks like being a good year for American gangsters, with Warren Beatry's Bugsy beating Oliver Stone's JFK to another "biopic" sweep including the supreme prize, Best Picture. The Oscars have always favoured celluloid true lives, from the The Great Ziegfeld and The Life of Emile Zola in the 1930s, via Lawrence of Arabia. A Man for All Seasons and Patton, to Chariots of Fire, Gandhi, Amadeus and The Last Emperor in the 1980s.

Our actors apart, Britain hasn't quite lived up to the Oscar promise of the early 1980s and Colin Welland's famous warcry, "The British are coming!". But other nominated Brits to root for on Monday, apart from Ben Kingsley Monday, apart from Ben Kingsley (Supporting Actor, Bugsy) and Ridley Scott (director, Thelma and Louise), are Adrian Biddle (cinematography, Silence of the Lambs): George Fenton (score, The Fisher King): Gerry Hambline (editor, The Commitments), and Anthony Powell (costuments), and Anthony Powell (costuments). nume, Hook). A win for Leslie Bricusse (lyrics for "When You're Alone", from Hook, nominated for Best Song) would give him his

Still you don't care enough to stay up all night watching the live satellite relay from Hollywood? If you were on a percentage of the winner's extra box office, you just might. The next best thing is a wager here in London, the only place in the world where you can legally bet on the Oscars.

OSCAR ODDS

BEST PICTURE 8-1 Beauty and the Beast 11-10 Bugsy (favourite) 6-1 JFK 4-1 The Prince of Tides 7-4 The Silence of the Lambs

BEST ACTOR 10-11 Nick Nolte, The Prince of Tides (favourite) 2 Warren Beatty. Bugsy 8-1 Robert De Niro, Cape

7-2 Anthony Hopkins, The Silence of the Lambs 7-1 Robin Williams, The Fisher King

BEST ACTRESS 10-1 Geena Davis, Thelma & Louise

5-1 Laura Dern, Rambling 8-13 Jodie Foster, The Silence

of the Lambs (favourite)
7-2 Bette Midler, For the Boys 6-1 Susan Sarandon, Thelma

● Source: William Hill

NOMINATIONS

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR Tommy Lee Jones, JFK Harvey Keitel, Bugsy Ben Kingsley, Bugsy Michael Lerner, Barton Fink Jack Palance. City Slickers

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS Diane Ladd, Rambling Rose Juliette Lewis, Cape Fear Kate Nelligan, The Prince of

Mercedes Ruehl, The Fisher Jessica Tandy, Fried Green **Tomatoes**

BEST DIRECTOR Jonathan Demme, The Silence of the Lambs Barry Levinson, Bugsy Ridley Scott, Thelma & Louise John Singleton, Boyz N the Hood Oliver Stone, JFK

HOLDEN'S CHOICE

Best Picture: Bugsy. Best Actor: Nick Nolte. Best Actress: Jodie Foster. Best Director: a tight race, but I'll go for Jonathan

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> TOMORROW Valerie Grove



once knew a woman who was employed to concoct the read-ers' letters page of one of our more venerable "men's" magazines. "Dear Slobber Magazine", she would write. "I was fixing some shelves in the bedroom of our local beauty queen the other day, when she came home unexpectedly with her best friend. Imagine my surprise when ..." and then boffo! Writer's block. She was a good writer but down, in those days, on her luck (her lifth, ascetically unsexual novel comes out in the spring) and when the block came she'd ring me up for a plot-line she could write as if from the chewed pencil-stub of one of her imaginary correspondents.

"My problem," she would always say, "is that I can only do two sorts of fantasy. I can do the boring ones based on all the standard sexual cliches" - and here she would read me one of her efforts that involved lace-frilled lingerie from the Littlewoods catalogue and patent stiletto heels -"and I can do the ones which are so bizarre that if the magazine printed one everyone would think we'd made it up." And each time she phoned I would give her the us-in-art-so-in-life thesis, which is to say that generally speaking other people's sexual fantasies err on the side of mundanity only when they don't lean towards outright bizarreness, and none but our own really do the job.

This is a thesis that I had confirmed this week when I read Women on Top (Hutchinson E8.99) which is (dirty work but apparently somebody has to do it) the result of Nancy Friday's correspondence with female fantasists across the United States. The way Ms Friday tells it. American womanhood learnt its facts of life from the back covers of sex-in-thesuburbs bodice rippers that decorated station bookstalls in the pre-Chatterley 1950s, and her work is one of those pseudo-scientific and tendentious books that the sex-asleisure pursuit industry pumps out

nowadays. Had the stories appeared, word for four-letter word, in the letter columns of my friend's magazine rather than decorously bound on the Women's Politics shelves of the local Waterstone's, I would have discounted them (had, of course, I come across them in the first place) as the sad, mad ravings of the perpetually frustrated. As it is. I can unblushingly bring Women On Top into the office, safe in the knowledge that I am reading a serious anthropological investigation into modern psycho-sexual PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond on the dulling effect of intimate detail



behaviour rather than a mucky book where women get to take their knickers off in front of the hired help.

in fact that's probably less than a fair assessment of Ms Friday's work, because the fact is that anyone with any son of sex life has a set of sexual fantasies to go with it. And each person's fantasies are peculiar, as it were, to themselves. I'd always thought my own fanta-

sies (and, to pre-empt your next question: no. not here) were pretty much up to scratch, but I discover from skimming through the more obviously interesting bits of Women on Top that my imagination is not quite the lithe and sensuous beast that I imagined it

Not that the fantasies of Pauline ("I am 23 years old and a law student at a very prestigious school") or Renee ("I am 18. I was born under the triple cusp of Taurus") are particularly outrageous, involving, as ever they did in my friend's magazine, reverend ministers curing penitents of their lustful thoughts without recourse to the Good Book, and stripsearching policemen wielding their handcuffs in a priapic frenzy. it might be that there are, as Ms Friday suggests, substantive differences between the horny-handed fantasies of oppressive males and the altogether more creative fantasies of oppressed women, but as far as I can see the women's fantasies involve much the same sort of clichéd power-playing moti-

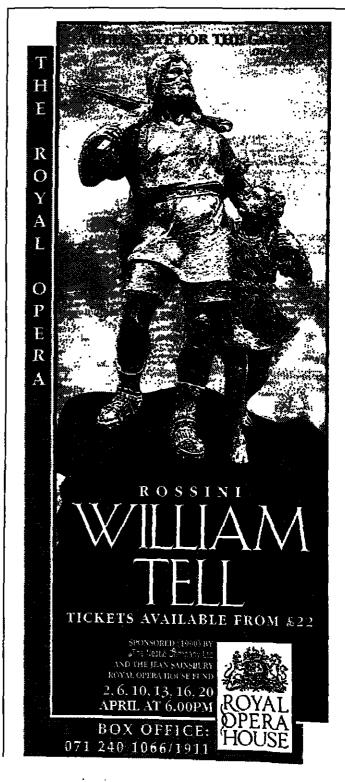
vation as men's do. No, the remarkable thing about this collection of reveries is how detailed they all are. Real fantasies, yours and mine, are momentary, coruscating flashes of erotic

ined in this book involve vast casts of extras queuing round the block and along the street waiting their turn. They are told as by Cecil B DeMille to Hugh Hefner and come complete with minutely defined stage directions and itemised prop lists. They have long prefatory plots and sweet, postcoital endings. But they are fantasies only in the way that rambling schoolboy essays on "What I Would Do With A Million Pounds" is a fantasy. For, as structural analysis kills humour, once eroticism is taken from its spawning ground in the libido and given a proper structure set in time and place, so it becomes a

revelation, but the scenarios imag-

deadened passion. And if you don't believe me, and are reading this on the train or bus into work, or in the office, try this experiment: drum up any sexual fantasy you've ever had. Give it a place and a time, and then look, at random, at any two of your fellow passengers or workmates - preferably two of different sexes. Now imagine these two (and if your fantasy involves more than two you'll have to do the maths yourself) playing it out.

Right here's the difficult bit: now try to do it without laughing.



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RSC LONDON: The company marks its ten years at the Barbican with the first London showing of Adrian Roble's highly acclaimed production of Henry IV Part 1 (Part 2 enters the repertoire on April 20) direct from Noble's first season in Stretterd-upon-Avon as artistic director. The cast includes Robert Stephens on Batterities. Stephens as Falstaff, Micheel Malon as Prince Hel, and Julian Glover as Henry IV. Meanwhile in the Pit, The Virtuoso, Shadwelf's Restoration variable, Srainwag & Hespiragon comedy of bad behaviour in the home, directed with verve by Phytilda Lloyd. begins previews. Barblean, Silk Street, London EC2 (061-638 8891), both performances 7.30pm.

RSC STRATFORD: The season begins with Amenda Herris and Anton Lesser in The Taming of the Strew, heading a new cast in Bal Alexander's hellent fresho Amelian (Page) neating a new cast in Bill Alexander's brilliant fouring production (Royal Shakespeure Theatre, proviews from lonight; opens April 1), and The Beggar's Opers directed by John Caird (Swan Theatre, previews from tonight; opens April 7) Royal Shakespeure Theatre, Stratterd-upon-Aven their theatres: dord-upon-Aven (both theatres 0789 295623), both performances

REMBRANDT - THE MASTER AND HIS WORKSHOP: Unlike most Old Masters, Rembrandt has been news for the last decade, owing largely to the activities of the Rembrandt Committee, which has been demoling large numbers of once-revered Rembrandts into the work of pupils and followers. Other traffice news because in logowere. (This makes news because of the assumed loss of monolary value involved.) This show comes to London from Berlin and Amsterdam, and

☐ ANNA KARENINA; Flar and imagination in Shared Expenence's rewarding version of Tolstoy's novel. Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW8 (071:328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Set, per Sections.

☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freehrees. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins ☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-

DI DANCINS AT LOCHNASA: Brian Frei's Olivier Award-winning memory play, set in Thirties Donegal. Garrick, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mms. **B DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson auperts in Anel Confman's Chilen political drama Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5125), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thure, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 120mins.

☐ DIGGING FOR FIRE: A drunken requiem for modern keland by Declan Hughea, played by such good actors that the results are remarkably upliffing. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3386) Mon-Set, 8pm. 140mins. AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fanlasses of a woman married to a

soccer nut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Frl, Sat, 8pm and 8.45pm. 130mins ☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Stokes songs. Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2981 atter 2pm) Mon-Sat, 8-15pm, Fri late show, 10 30pm, mat Sat, 8pm 90mins.

GORMENGHAST: The David Glass Ensemble catch the sinister menace of the Marvyn Peake novels through scellent movement and characterful voices. BAC, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223) Tues-Sat, 8pm. Sun. 6pm. 155mms.

☐ GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE:
Satisfying musical celebrating Fittles
and Sorties pop classics. Great stuff.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue

NEW RELEASES APOCALYPSE NOW (18) Coppola's

gargantuan Vietnam odyssey, reviv 70mm. Martin Sheen as the special agent with orders to kill Marton Brando's rogue Colonel. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15) Jacques

Privette's hypnotic exploration of a painter and his model, struggling to compete an accinomic canvas. Cose to a mesterpiece. With Michel Piccoli. Emmanuelle Béart, Jane Birkin Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

BUGSY (18) Warren Boatty as Bugsy Siegol, the gangster who invented Las Vegas Sieck, with, dazzing to behold Starring Annette Berwig, director, Burry Levinson Odeon Leicaster Square (0426 915683)

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 LATE FOR DINNER (PG) Two ordinary Joos awake from a 29-year deep freeze Unsatistying comic whenly from director W D Richter With Brain Wilmert. Peter Berg MGM Futham Road (071-370-2536) MGM Haymarket (071-839-1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434-0331) Odeon Kensington (0428-914566) ♦ SHINING THROUGH (15) "Opulent,

preposterous warrand drams, with Molane Griffith spying for the U.S. Government in Bertin Stars Michael Douglas, director, David Seltzer, Barbican (071-638 891) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeon

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consists of 48 paintings accepted by the committee, plus 12 now secribed to lesser men, with background material to elucidate the criteria. A sacinating contribution to the debate, rather than Sainsbury Wing, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10em-6pm (Wed. Fin to 9pm), opene today until May 24.

HIS CIRCLE: The Committee has yet to turn its attention fully on Rembrandt's drawings. But in his catalogue and the drawings. But in his catalogue and the show listelf Martin Royalton-Kisch has not hesitated to anticipate: the BM o own extensive holding has been closely scriutineed, and a considerable number also demoted to follower status. The show is not the same as the drawings show in Berlin and Amsterdam, but home-made, mostly from the 80-odd Rembrandt (or Rembrandt-connected) works in the Rembrandi-connected) works in the Department of Prints and Drawings. British Museum, Great Russell Stroot, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-30-6pm, opens bodies Unit! Ausmet A. 10am-5pm.

DRAWINGS BY REMPRANDT AND

SERGEI LEIFERKUS AND GALINA GORCHAKOVA: The Russian opera stars who will be appearing in the Royal Opera's production of Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel later this season, give a recital of songs by Borodin, Gilnka,

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current London theatre House full, returns only Some seats available
Seats at all prices

(071-839 4401). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 135mins. ☑ HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofleid and Vaneasa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shew's traveless, slate of England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8900), Mon-Sot, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm. 225mins.

THE MEASURE FOR MEASURE LI MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Travor Num's engrossing production: David Heig Istelly tempted by Claire Skinner in Fraud's Vienna. Young Vic, The Cut, SEI (071-820 0411/928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, meta Thurs, Set, 2pm. 210mins. ☐ MOBY DICK; A girl's school puts

on a fund-reising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmastress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-987 1118), Mon-Sat, Bpm, mat Set, 4pm. 135mre

I PHANTOM OF THE OPERA:
Gleshi version of the old thriller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber.
Sheftsebury, Shaftsebury Avenue, WC2 (071-378 5399), Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 150mins. ☐ THE POCKET DREAM: Foolish

burlesque of A Abdayammer Night's Drawn, with Mise McShane and Sandi Tolsvig Dedicated Ians only. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-857 1115) Tues-Set, 7.45pm, mate Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins. THE RECRUITING OFFICER: Nicholas Hytner's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker content. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-929 2252), Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 165mins

☐ SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewern. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of film.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

CURRENT BARTON FINK (15): The Coon brothers' marvellous macabre comedy about a New York playwinght all at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starring John Turtumo, John Goodman. A triple

♦ BLACK ROBE (15). Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lothaire Blatoau) bries to convert indicare an northern Cuebec intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel Director, Bruce Beresford. MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-856 6149) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE

TODAY'S EVENTS

LONDON PHILIHARMONIC: Lady Walton, undow of the composer Sir William Walton, is the namator in a performance of his Façade under conductor Jan Latham-Koenig. The programme's theme is music associated with Despites productions and includes Walton's Viola Concerto as well as Poulenc's Les Biches. With solicits Nobuko Imal and lan Partridge, and the London Philharmonic Choir. Feethval Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-828 8900), 7.30pm.

Dergomizhsky and Kabslevsky (this concert replaces that of Slegfried Lorenz).

Lorenz). Purceli Room, South Bank, Lendon SE1 (071-928 8800), Spm.

DEATH IN VENICE: Britten's final opera is given a taut, new re-interpretation by the experienced Colin Graham, making this production one of the finest in London this season. A superb cast includes Philip Langridge as Aschenbach, Alan Ople as the Traveller and Michael Chance as the Voice of Apollo. Steuart Bedford Royal Opens House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7,30pm.

ORFEC: Powerful performance from English National Opera in a revival of David Freemen's admired production of the Montavardi opera, complement by Hayden Griffin's rich designs. Authory Rolfe Johnson returns in the ACTUARTY FORCE JORNISON RELIGIOR IN the title role, with Marte Angel as Eurydice and Sally Burgess as the Messenger. Henry Bicket conducts. Collegum, SI Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161; cc 071-240 5258), 7.30pm.

Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mets Thurs, Set, 3pm 165mins. III STRAIGHT AND NARROW:
Nichoiss Lyndhurst, Neil Degish and
Carmel McSharry in Breable comedy
about a doting mother's worries,
notably her gay son.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Read,
WC2 (071-857 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins. LA SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in pleasing tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (171-836 987). Mon-Fri. Spm, Sat, 8:30pm, mais Wed, 2:30pm, Sat, 5:30pm. 140mins.

☑ YALKING HEADS: Pairicle Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent i three of his monologues charting the unconscious futmour and pain of destination. desciate lives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Set, 8pm, meta Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES okiles. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120min

S. 15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972). ☐ Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-857 1044). ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palsce (071-834 1377). ☐ Catmen Jones: Old Vic (071-828 7516)

■ Catm: New London (071-405 0072)
☐ Don't Dress for Dinner: Apolo (071-494 5070). ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lynic (071-494 5045)
■ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dresmeost: Palsadium (071-494 5037). ☐ Me and My Girl: Adalphi (071-438 7611). ☐ Les Misérables: Palson (071-434 609). ☐ The Mousetrap: Silgon: Theatire Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-838 1443). ☐ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ☐ Startight Express: Apolo Victoria (071-828 8665)
☐ Thunderbirds F.A.B. — The Next Generation: Ambassadors (071-336 6111)

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♦ JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy assassination. Kevin Coetine as crusading D.A. Jim Garmson; a bustling supportung cast

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LIGHT SLEEPER (15): Ligularious elegy to the Eightes drug scene from writer-director Paul Schrader, parily saved by Willem Dafee as a loner stumbling towards redemption. With Surean Sarandon.

Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New

♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychustis heighe tortibal count face tamily secrets. Romantic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Notice. Barbra Streisand directs and co-stars, but falls to sing, MGM Blakes Street (071-335 9772) MGM Cheises (071-355 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-355 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeona: Kansington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 91583) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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HEAR MY SONG (15): Promoter seeks reclusive Irish bancr Josef Locke, wanted in Britain for tax evestion. Shaggy dog tale with modest pleasures. Starring Ned Beetty, Adrian Dunbar: director, Peter Chelsom. MGM Chelses (071-362 5065) MGM Haymarket (071-639 1527) MGM Travesters (171-434 0031) Octoon.

TILL THERE WAS YOU (PG): Stale romantic drama with enticing South Pacific scenery. With Mark Harmon, Deborah Unger, Jeroen Krabbé; a first

rurumo, John Goodman. A triple Cannes prizewinner Gate (071-727 4043) Lumlère (071-836 0691)

♦ CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robort De Niro terronses Nick Notic and family Martin Scorsege's ferocious. unpleasant remake of a classic revenge , thriller. With Jessica Lange, Jukette Lews Barbican (071-538 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-487 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370

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ROCK

Back into his own

TOM PETTY has long been overshadowed by the company that he keeps. In the Seventies his credentials as an all-American "blue collar" hero invited unfortunate comparisons with Bruce Springsteen, while more recently he has slipped so smoothly into the role of sideman to the superstars - touring with Bob Dylan, recording with The Traveling Wilburys — that his own star status has tended to go by the board.

Yet his most recent album, Into the Great Wide Open, released last year. is a certified million-seller, and when it comes to his own show Petty is no shrinking violet. A skinny, blond figure in the traditional uniform of waistcoat, jeans and cowboy boots, he marked the fifteenth anniversary of The Heartbreakers' first British tour with a confident display of orthodox. yet distinctive rock 'n' roll. The traditional influences were not

hard to spot. The Rickenbacker guitar jangle of "Free Falling" and Petty's light tenor vocal tone on "I Won't Back Down" were both derived from the pioneering work of Roger McGuinn of The Byrds, while Mike Campbell's piercing slide guitar tone on "Into the Great Wide Open" and "Face in the Crowd" remained uncannily redolent of George Harrison in his prime. On other numbers, notably "13 Days" and "It'll All Work Out", Petry conjured a neo-Dylan drawl of masterful resonance. But along with the recycled riffs and stock guitar poses there were

Heartbreakers Wembley Arena

Tom Petty and The

several strange visual tags which lent a faintly surreal quality to the proceedings. The stage was decorated by chandeliers and dominated by a huge inflatable tree which looked as if it belonged in a gothic fairytale. As the band laboured under its boughs. strange characters emerged periodically from a door set in the tree. During a mysterious strobe-lit burlesque at the end of "Don't Come Around Here No More" three sinister. figures chased Petty into the tree, but were then sent cowering away as the singer re-emerged wielding a giant

singer re-einerget wieding a gramban-the-bomb (CND) talisman.

Two new songs, "You Get Me High" and "Goin' Back to Georgia", fitted seamlessly alongside the oldest of favourites—"Refugee" and "American Girl"—underlining the sense of continuity in Petty's career. He encored with "Learning to Fly" a cute metaphor for the aspirations he

evidently still holds dear. An agreeable, if sometimes workaday performer, with a safe pair of hands, at 38 Petty may have consigned himself to the old boys' club a bit ahead of his time. But if anyone is capable of carrying the banner of traditional rock 'n' roll towards the millennium with grace and humour, it is him.

DAVID SINCLAIR



THEATRE

Eros aims young

Four Baboons Adoring the Sun Lincoln Center, New York

HOW many other playwrights would dare to open the dramatic proceedings by bringing a grinning Eros, complete with gilded ears, hairnet. jockstrap and leg-fur, out of a smoky red hole in the middle of the stage? How many would let him spend the rest of the evening padding about and operatically chanting dangerous advice in the general direction of a human cast consisting of two adults and no fewer than nine children? ' Well, John Guare and his director.

Sir Peter Hall, did just that, to the obvious astonishment of the New York cognoscenti. Guare is best known in America as the author of Six Degrees of Separation, which belat-edly hits our own Royal Court in June. That play shows a black trickster duping white liberals into believing him to be the Sidney Poitier's son. This time, the stakes are higher, not to say odder. The conman's base is Olympus, and his prime lovelorn 13-year-old boy. The question to be asked is whether

a sad, even sordid story has been given mythic meaning, or whether it just stays sad and sordid. Subtract Eros, the references to Aphrodite and

FOR the third episode of this series,

Morse (John Thaw) and Lewis (Kevin

Whately) were whisked from the golden architectural glories and ver-dant purileus of Oxford to the

strangely similar ditto of Vicenza and

Verona. This was as unlikely a detective tale (directed by Colin Gregg, written by Alma Cullen) as Agatha Christie ever concocted.

Avoiding the travelogue trap by the

thickness of a slice of Parma ham,

here was Morse con fuoco, con brio.

even con amore, but most of all con con merchant, Russell Clark (Michael

Kitchen), whom the Inspector had

previously put away, although not for

long enough. Clark had set himself up in an

enormous villa as a guru for the over-

privileged, who attended his courses

to find their true Self, charmed and

other gods, and a symbolic miniearthquake, and what is left? Philip and Penny have left their respective spouses for a wild fling in Sicily, where they are joined by their respective broods. Philip's pubescent son. having resented his father's defection, now decides to follow his example. He launches into an affair with Penny's 13-year-old daughter and, finding the grownups less than approving, runs off to what turns out to be his death in the mountains.

The play might be a cautionary tale about the perils of setting credulous kids a bad example; lust, not love, has swept Penny and Philip off their feet. But four baboons staring rapturously upwards - replicas, it seems, of primeval statues in Paris - do not encircle the stage for nothing. Guare wants us to believe that 13-year-old Wayne also found a kind of ecstasy with 13-year-old Helcy among the Sicilian crags. "Life will never be better than at this moment," he says: and jumps.

Hall's staging is as capable as ever, and the performers, especially Stockard Channing as the spirited Penny, are more than competent. But when Eugene Perry's stocky, salivating Eros croons "you have looked into the heart of fire: it was easier for haboons to look into the sun" — well. what is the audience to conclude? There can de iew more startii of proclaiming that love simultaneously destroys and saves from mediocrity. There must be many more credible ones.

CABARET androgynous male guitarist with

Titillating exposures

Sandra Bernhard Queen's

FOR an entertainment billed as a one-woman show. Sandra Bernhard's Giving Till It Hurts, which packed a Shaftesbury Avenue theatre four times last weekend, seemed overpopulated. The four members of The Strap-Ons, as she styles her band, shared the stage with the "confrontational comic performer" herself.

In this instance, "confrontational" is not a gloss on "ill-mannered" or "undisciplined". The American Bernhard is undoubtedly eager to shock, which is why she sprinkles her show with casual references to unconventional sex and robust assessments of other performers, past and present. But at the same time she is almost as indecently eager to amuse, entertain and be loved. For all the "shocking" words and gestures, the effect is more like a Bette Midler for the Millennium than a Lennie Bruce for the Last Days. She is as funny as both.

Musically, she is more talented than most comediennes, with a pleasing voice and an enviable line in ingenious parodies. Her band is extraordinary in appearance (female drummer and keyboard player of a BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE | certain age, both sporting ash-blonde, "big" hair, a knife-thin,

MC/backing singer/factotum, latterly sporting a gold kaftan). They play superbly in a dazzling range of styles. Bernhard leads with her monologues: confessional, unsparingly de tailed, unlikely beyond the point of absurdity, yet apparently factual. As she led us on these guided tours around her psyche and her sexual history, the crowd seemed to anticipate many of the more dimly-lit byways and blind alleys up which she plunged, so that outrage was noticeable by its absence. Less clued-up audiences might balk at accompany ing her, but at least their resistance would give exercise to her powers of persuasion, which these fans did not. Challenging audience prejudices and sexual stereotyping is hardly adventurous when even the slightest of right-on feminist references elicits whoops of approval, vigorous nodding of razor-cropped heads and brandishing of The Pink Paper.

waist-length, lank hair: a male

There are plans to bring her back for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and then a longer West End season It would be a pity if this means that she will again be playing only to those predisposed to approve of her, the British equivalent of sophisticated New Yorkers and the followers of The David Letterman Show, her regular television outlet. Bernhard should be booked for a tour of Women's Institutes and British Legions.

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TELEVISION

Delicious dog's dinner

Inspector Morse Central/ITV

encouraged by the open manner in which the teacher admitted his own previous failings. Among his clients were a wealthy American (Kate Harper) exorcising responsibility for a delinguent son; a post-breakdown opera singer (Frances Barber, bosom heaving with defiance and/or suppressed panic); a university lecturer with a stroke-stricken wife (Alan Rowe and the excellent Jane Wenham); and a nasty "popular

novelist" whose opinion of her own work was "trash" and whose death in a bizarre accident was the trigger for the whole farrago, exquisitely filmed by Peter Greenhalgh. Janis Kelly provided the beautiful

voice for Barber to pretend to produce bits of Rigoletto and Turandot. Even the determinedly unadventurous Lewis found Barber and her singing attractive, but Morse was clearly infatuated ("I have all your recordings...you were sublime") and got a passionate kiss for his trouble. Naturally, the singer's minor

aristo-gigolo husband Guido Uolyon Baker, actually) was mixed up with a fake medieval manuscript con that Clark had not been able to resist. Stir in a comic-opera local policeman (Georges Corraface), a sub-plot about Lewis having to attend his son's school sports day, and an oddly peripheral character, Clark's assistant (Jane Snowden), on whom the plot depended, and the result was as self-indulgently enjoyable as your local transoria's mixed antipasto: every dish on the trolley and several twists of the giant peppermill. Only later did the more exotic and implausible elements began to give you mental indigestion, but the whole meal was so enjoyable, the service so charming, that it hardly mattered.

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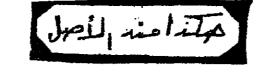
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Dead-end kids on the road home

us Van Sant's My Own Private Idaho (18, MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, Screen on the Green) begins the way it means to continue. First comes a dictionary definition of narcolepsy. Then River Phoenix stands contemplating Idaho tarmac, stretching through scrubland: "I know this road," he says. He collapses in one of his narcoleptic sleeping trances. The sky races by in time-lapse photography: home movie fragments suggest a childhood; salmon leap upstream. Van Sant's remarkable but aggravating film trumpets its singularity during the opening titles.

Drugstore Cowboy, in 1989, made the director's name after commercials and pop promos. Van Sant's lyrical feeling for American low-life led to Hollywood offers. But he chose independence, polishing his early allusive, experimental style. For Idaho, he corralled the teenagers' pin-ups River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves. True, Reeves bares his chest (both characters work as gay hustlers); otherwise, their fans may be more confused than titillated.

Van Sant's concerns are clear enough. Disrupted families lie at the film's heart. Narcoleptic Mike, product of incest, has a mother to search for, while Scott (Keamu Reeves), son of the mayor of Portland, avoids responsibilities by running with the town's seediest pack. Van Sant's mercurial editing whisks these drifters from Idaho to Oregon to Italy and back in their existential search for a place to call home.

They also make a linguistic leapfrog through time in scenes with the rumbustious gang leader Bob Pi-geon, Scott plays Prince Hal to his Falstaff. "What do you care?" Scott proclaims when Pigeon asks the time. "You wouldn't even look at a clock unless hours were lines of cocaine, dials looked like the signs of gay bars, or Time itself was a fair ustler in black leather."

Van Sant boasts a painter's eye for the texture of places; he springs comic surprises and encourages actors to excel. But eventually the film topples over with private fancies and excess. Van Sant is a genuine talent, but on this occasion he is too much

in love with his own daring.

When Pedro Almodóvar's latest film High Heels (18, Lumiere, Screen on the Hill) opened in Madrid last year, director and stars paraded down the streets in gigantic eopard-skin floats, shaped like high-heeled shoes. Even in staid old Britain, a little publicity stunt was attempted: media lights were sent a pair of handcuffs.

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splendour.



Making only trance-like progress along life's highway. River Phoenix, as Mike, stumbles upon a leading role in Gus Van Sant's latest film, My Own Private Idaho

director: mainstream success can flatten the kinks out of anybody. Six years after his breakthrough film What Have I Done To Deserve This?. Almodóvar remains Spain's master of camp melodrama, though he has considerably muted his style's snap, crackle and pop, and in-creased the volume of talk. "For me," Almodovar now says, "two good lines of dialogue fulfil the same function as the special effects of Terminator 2 and can achieve the same impact." English-language viewers may be hard-pressed to

For plot, Almodóvar serves up the customary ingredients: flaming passions, bizarre sexual behaviour, a murder or two and vigorous swipes at Spanish institutions. Victoria Abril plays a television newsreader thrown into a tizzy by the return visit of her mother (Marisa Paredes), an ageing pop singer who neglected her as a child. Eventually, mother's ex-lover, now Abril's husband, is discovered dead. Abril confesses her guilt while reading the television news (by far the film's best scene); but this only deepens the mysteries in this elongated tale of family

hmodóvar peppers his brew with trademark diversions: a dance routine Lin a prison; a grotesque sexual assault in a drag queen's dressing room. He also presents his usual fashion show. Abril's newsreader models Chanel's finest; mother is dressed by Armani. Yet High Heels seems a strangely sober affair. Characters are custom-built for high-pitched mockery, but Almodóvar treats them with grave respect. After a frisky opening, the pace turns slow, almost cumbersome; the air is clogged with heavy emoting that tickles neither funnybone nor heart. Almodovar's films have won him friends, but there is not much here to justify a parade.

The week's other releases make no attempt to strike out stylistically or stimulate the grey matter. The abject Necessary Roughness (12, Plaza, MGM Trocadero) relies on the tired clichés of the average American sports movie: the underdog team that must be whipped into shape; the older player with something to prove; the ailing coach, forced to watch the big game from his hospital bed

College football hulks in olive green collide, yell and hug on the field. Their scores at first prove appalling, for the Texas State University Armadillos have been scrubbed clean of academic dunces. But Scott Bakula's long-in-the-tooth freshman quarterback, an imported female kicker and other contrivances help turn the tide.

Director Stan Dragoti - some distance from his endearing vampire spoof Love at First Bite - just throws the camera into the scrimmage and lets the cliches light it out. Bakula, one of American television's many plastic faces, heads a cast low on star power; though Larry Miller manages a faint twinkle as the oily college dean.

Freejack (15, MGM Haymarket, MGM Trocadero), a deeply deessing futuristic adventure, at least offers a diverting cast. Emilio Estevez — a racing driver thrust into the next century for mind transplant

purposes - flashes those baby blue eyes; Mick Jagger, absent from film acting since 1970, displays sneers. sunken cheeks and a curious accent as a bounty hunter on his trail. Amanda Plummer pops up as an abusive nun: while Anthony Hop-kins, the plot's Mr Big, briefly appears on video monitors and gets

Director Geoff Murphy and his band of technicians deploy an arsenal of effects as Estevez tours 21st century New York, where gunfire rules, burns dine on poisonous rats and the wealthy connive in glearning towers. No fresh spark illumines the futuristic fancies, partly devised by Ron Shusett, veteran of Alien and Total Recall; no character makes the audience care. Never mind Estevez's: watch this, and your own brain is under threat.

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ARTS BRIEF

Author's story

SHAKESPEARE'S works periodically make film fodder, but Shakespeare the man has rarely graced the silver screen. Now Jonathan Pryce has been approached to play the Bard in a romantic comedy. The Dark Lady, written by Peter Barnes. The scheduled director is Irvin Kershner, bestknown for his Star Wars sequel, The Empire Strikes Stratford-upon-Avon need not fear a Hollywood invasion: the film will probably be shot in eastern Europe.

Song and dance

AN UNUSUAL artistic collaboration, bringing together opera and dance, has been announced for this year's Edinburgh Festival. Opera North and the dance troupe Adventures in Motion Pictures are joining forces to present a unique pairing: a new production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, choreographed by AMP's artistic director Matthew Bourne, to premiere alongside its original double-bill partner, the opera Yolanda, presented by Opera North. Both productions will be designed by the artist Howard Hodgkin and directed by Martin Duncan.

Verse prize

THE Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize has been won for the second time by the Belfastborn poet Paul Muldoon, for his recent volume of verse, Madoc. He first won the prize, which is awarded in alternate years for poetry and fiction, in 1982, when he shared it with his fellow-Ulsterman Tom Paulin. Muldoon is published by Faber and Faber, the firm which Geoffrey Faber founded, but the prize, worth £1,000, is open to non-Faber

Last chance . . .

CATHERINE WHEEL 3 new four-piece group from East Anglia, made an impres-sive dent in the Top 40 last month with their debut album release, Ferment. In applying dense layers of excoriating guitar noise to a thoughtful even wistful, collection of songs, they have straddled the metal music. This week marks the last chance to catch Catherine Wheel on tour at the Arts Centre, Salisbury (0722 321744) tonight: After Dark, in Reading (0734 576847) on

MUSEUMS: LONDON

*v*ue respect **but overdue**

After half a century in storage, a cache of priceless Buddhist Indian sculptures is at

last to go on show. Alison Beckett reports



The marbles are installed at the British Museum

donated by Asahi Shimbun, the Japanese newspaper company: that is specifically to construct a display area for the Amaravati sculptures. As Rawson points out, Japan is still Buddhist, while India is

The 128 marble reliefs have been in Bloomsbury since the closure of London's India Museum in 1880. Until 1939 they lined the British Museum's front hall staircase but were removed to a safer location during the second world war. An affempt to put them back on show in the Fifties was abandoned when traces of surface erosion was spotted. They have been kept in an atmospherically controlled airspace ever since, seen only on request. So although they are among the Museum's greatest treasures, they have been

widely forgotten. The marbles come from the ruins of a great Buddhist religious centre at Amaravati. founded at least 2,200 years Pradesh. The principal monument was a massive stupa, an elaborately adorned burial mound, 49 metres in diameter, in the form of a solid masomy dome, with a tiny chamber at the centre containing a casket full of sacred relics. Every bit of the stupa and the surrounding railing was embellished with carved panels of local limestone, known as Palnad marble and probably once painted in bril-

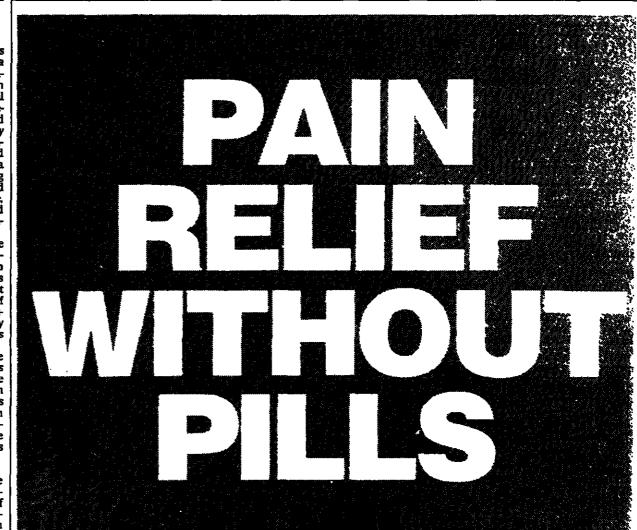
liant colours. The BM examples are alive with sinuous human and animal figures. Most date from the second and third centuries AD and are among the earliest and greatest achievements of Indian Buddhist art, illustrating everything the ordinary man needed to know about his religion.
The precise date when the

site ceased to be used is uncertain, but most of these sculptures were saved from being broken up for use as building material by a British commissioner, Sir Walter Elliott, in 1845. They were shipped to England 15 years

owever, today, there is a museum at Amaravati, where some of the later sculptures are pre-served. "People do say those in the British Museum should go back," says Daljit Bhatia, cultural attache to the Indian High Commission. "But they are the property of the British Museum. We have not been consulted about arrangements for their display."
"Lack of consultation with

Indian artists and curators is a big problem," explains Indian writer Rakesh Mathur. "There is not much support for the museum from the Indian community despite dinner parties for rich Indians and fundraising campaigns. The museum wanted to have a Hindu festival but couldn't find sponsorship for that

As painter Ranbir Kalekar adds: "There is a great sense of frustration among a lot of sculptors and artists and other lovers of art in India who are deprived of such treasures. Surely the things that cannot go on show could be returned. It is better for them to be visible and an inspiration rather than preserved and not



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Peter Ackroyd charts the retreat of public virtues from 1688 to the 1992 general election campaign

How to privatise virtue

Burtt is concerned here with the place of virtue in public discourse, which is also in part about "the compatability of wealth and virtue". She takes her lessons from the early 18th century rather than the latest piece of electioneering but, on this topic at least, the past may be more informative. The 18th century was, after all, marked by what Burnt described as a general shift away from public to "privately oriented" civic virtue. This accords with another thesis. most recently propounded by John Barrell, that in the later 18th century there was a transition from humane or civilised values to mercantile and commercial

imperatives Of course the two forces have always been at work together: the Court Whigs of the 1730s, as Burtt points out, emphasised the "virtues of honest and frugal household management" in much the same way as the Thatcherites of

the Seventies and Eighties. What VIRTUE TRANSFORMED happens. rather, is that the balance changes in Political Argument one of those alterin England ations in national 1688-1740 mood which are By Shelley Burtt Cambridge, E30 as profound as inexplicable.

Shelley Burn's careful and lucid analysis covers a great deal of ground, from the late 17th and early 18th-century arguments over civic virtue in the wake of the Stuarts' shipwreck to the failure of the Society for Reformation of Manners, from Bolingbroke's ideals of public virtue to Arnall's defence of moral virtue "exercised in the private sphere". But, as the author herself explains in her analysis of Cato's Letters. to promote public interest against self-interest is to assume a distinc-tion where in fact there may be none: as "Cato" (the creation of two 18th-century journalists) himput it, the true citizen "...does good to |Mankind| by gratifying himself".

Self-interest, even on the stark basis of my owning more money or property, persuades me to behave more generously to my fellows and eventually allows me to add more wealth to the commonweal. On the public well-being makes me feel happier and safer: democracy is in that sense preferable to tyranny, if only because it lessens the risk of revolution or civil commotion and thus safeguards my wealth and property. Those who pitch the argument in starkly antagonistic terms tend to do so only out of selfinterest: so we have Neil Kinnock's exaggerated rhetoric and Paddy Ashdown's primitivist metaphors.

But since Virtue Transformed is about the past, we may also be inclined to ask whether these modern politicians are of the same standard as their predecessors. It has been said, for example, that television has so altered the nature of the debate that physical appearance and personal mannerisms are now as important as political content: but that has always been the case. The 18th-century House of Commons relied upon people

o capitalists make colleagues by their physical pres-good citizens? Shelley ence or bearing, just as much as by ence or bearing, just as much as by anything they chose to say. It is also said that modern politicians are too dependent upon slogans or "soundbites", but anyone who follows the 19th-century political debate about the Corn Laws or Irish Home Rule will not suffer from any subtlety of argument. In other words, there is no reason to believe that modern politicians are any less able or honest than their predecessors - although how honest and able they were is another matter altogether. Remember William Blake's phrase that the House of Commons embodied "something other than human

There is of course the matter of political language, a subject which Burtt indirectly raises in the very act of quoting from Bolingbroke or the first Earl of Shaftesbury. Something is missing now: the collected speeches of John Major are not likely to be read with any pleasure by future generations. But politicians are part of the

problem, not its cause: it could hardly be said, for example, that political journalists of the present age rival Cobbett or Junius or even Paine. The language and vocabulary have

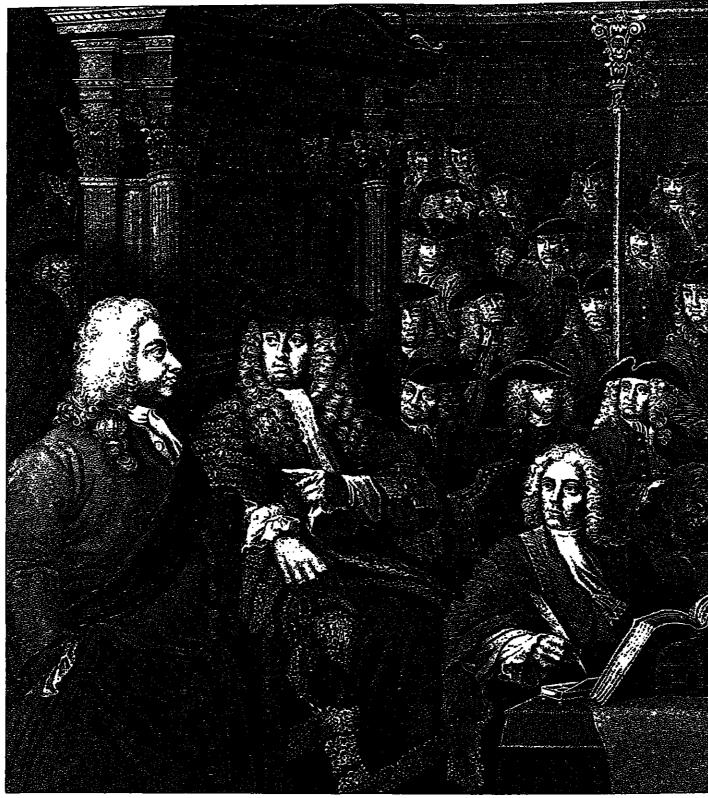
not through any individual failure but because political debate has fallen prey to the general special-ism of our time. It is hard to think of a modern-day Burke or Fox, entering political life as another aspect of a generally humane and civilised world.

There is another important change from the period of Shelley Burn's enquiry - and it lies in the absence of a religious dimension from modern political argument. It is hard to think of a political theorist or politician of the 18th century who was not affected by the general preoccupation with religious issues. Whether it was in the debate between High Church or Low Church, or between Anglican and Deist, the very texture and principles of the argument affected all aspects of contemporaneous political life.

It would be hard to find anything approaching this at the end England, Perhaps an exception might be made for the public controversy surrounding the case of Salman Rushdie.

If there is a truth to be discovered on that subject, perhaps we can go back to the 18th century again and read Bernard Mandeville: Burtt quotes his salutary and still relevant remark that "Private Vices by the dextrous Manage-ment of a skilful Politician may be turned into Publick Benefits". Our more apparently high-minded politicians might also like to reflect upon the fact that the idea of public or civic virtue was, on the evidence of this book, more or less dead by the 1740s.

And, as Shelley Burt concludes in her interesting and informative study: "When people have a say over their own lives they do not usually choose to dedicate those lives to the public and its good."



Parliamentary scene in the early 18th century: prestige in the Commons depended on sheer presence as much as oratorical skill | than a book?

Neil's gifts of the gab

Peter Riddell

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eil Kinnock and Michael Heseltine are the only fully active British politicians who can stir and excite a crowd with their oratory. For both, fellow Welshmen of a very different stamp, it has been the key to their political success. They have used words to move, to rouse and to persuade.

Kinnock's speeches to Labour conferences since he became leader in October 1983, collected here by Peter Kellner, have been central to his efforts to change the party's direction. Often Kinnock has been working against the emotions of many of the party's activists, as when confronting the Liverpool Militants and Scergillism in

In his introduction, Peter Kellner argues: "Mr Kinnock has been at his best when he has shaken off his inhibitions and stated publicly what he has believed privately: as in his assault on Militant in 1985, or his 'fairness, not favours' speech to the TUC in 1990. He has been at his most long-winded and least persuasive when he has attempted to justify policies which he has been itching

The speeches are presented in the book as delivered, which preserves the verbal excesses and circumlocutions to which Kinnock is prone. Part of the difficulty for the reader, rather than the listen-er, is that Kinnock is stronger when discussing general values than precise concepts or policies. It is the language of the preacher rather than the professor.

This collection is a work of propaganda, and in part piety, rather than literature. But in this era of multi-media publishing, might Kinnock's talents have been better displayed on a video rather

Chippy with everything

hat an extraordinary quality is bitterness! When love disappoints, and every confidence proves unfounded, what article of faith remains, steady as a rock and never disappointed, but bitterness? Chip securely placed - and proudly worn - upon his shoul-der. Willie Hamilton has written a and curiously unsatisfactory little account of his life and political

Hamilton was an English Labour MP for a Scottish constituency for some 36 years, until his retirement in 1987. Born of a coal mining family in the north east, he survived a childhood of grinding poverty, missed the first part of the second world war as a pacifist conscientious objector, changed his mind, joined up, rose to the rank of captain, and emerged to challenge a communist MP as abour candidate in East Fife.

He was a natural and incurable rebel. He was a rebel at home, a rebel at school, a rebel in the labour camp where they sent him as a conscientious objector, and a sceptical (if not rebellious) soldier. As an MP he never really fitted in. Violently anti-establishment, he remained centre-right of the LabTo put it crudely, Willie Hamilton was the sort of fellow for whom the word bolshie was invented. Elected in 1951, his chippy working class mistrust and the intemperance with which he joined every argument kept him out of office of every kind throughout his

Through much of that period, thing: his rejection of our system of monarchy, and what appeared as his personal loathing of the royal family. It was this latter which gave him instant appeal to the popular papers. Willie Hamilton MP was Mr Anti-Royal Rentaquote. Readers hoping to hear his side of this particular story should be warned that this book hardly touches it.

He gives accounts of some of his other campaigns: mostly against the corruption, conspiracy and greed that, even in the lovelies garden. Hamilton sees beneath every leaf. Sometimes he was right, occasionally he was triumphantly right. But who remembers these little battles? Even Mrs Thatcher, to whom Hamilton devotes an entire chapter of vituperation, has left the scene. Of his larger targets, only the expenses paid to Euro MPs remain within

Matthew Parris

BLOOD ON THE WALLS Memoirs of an Anti-Royalist from Miner's Row to Royal Palace



By Willie Hamilton Bloomsbury, £17.99

He was always an outsider. If you offered Willie a leg-up he'd as likely as not kick you in the shin. Harold Wilson offered him a job as one of the Speaker's deputies. It might have been the start of a journey to the Speaker's chair always a dream, he admits. Hamilton turned the job down as "an insult". He didn't like Wilson. All through this book the reader senses (where the author seems oblivious) that people are trying to help him. Help Mr Hamilton out of you back into it.

There are few insights here into government or politics. In his way, on sourned both. The auto biography does, however, raise some fascinating questions. Why, why did a man with such intelligence, to whom fate, and his fellow men, were so remarkably kind. allow the bitterness which had goaded him into public life in the first place to cripple him throughout his subsequent career?

some perfunctory remarks about his deprived childhood and I suspect that this is the explanation Hamilton himself is asking us to accept. But read between the lines of this book. Others have started as poor as Hamilton, yet gained the generosity of spirit that, in public life at least, he never did. And Hamilton's family, though they were very poor, were always just a cut above most of the other mining families. His father was a semiself-educated man. They ran a village shop from their back shed. They got their son into grammar

school. There he became head of house and captain of cricket... Willie would be furious at this suggestion: but there was a bourgeois streak in this particular working class family, an ambition of a ditch and he'll knock the both and self-regard that were denied proper expression.

And, as in so many political memoirs, there is a human story nere to which dues. His poor first wife, Joan. We must credit Hamilton with at least the honesty not to suppress the evidence, or deny his guilt, but how cruel he was to her! Pleading pressure of work (or finances, or the call of whatever was his latest crusade) he left a Northern working class woman alone to look after A lazy reviewer might make their children in the London suburb where, without transport, he had deposited her. He recounts his parliamentary trips abroad. but never took his wife on a foreign holiday until she was dying. For all his expressions of idealism in the cause of the poor in general, this was, in particular, a self-centred

> He owes much, he says, to his mother. He describes her as "a saintly slave". "One day I hope someone will write a book about people like my mother".

Yes. But this one is about her

who could impress and sway their For Those in Peril... BEYOND THE REEF The 20th Richard Bolitho story is under way! available now from all good bookshops X WILLIAM HEINEMANN pioneer freethinker like Mill.

Fighting the good fight for the few

f feminism were a religion, I would advise its adepts to treat John Stuart Mill's on The Subjection of Women as their Koran, with the corollary that writings duplicating the good book are useless while writings deviating from it are harmful. Nothing new has been said on the subject in the 123 years since Mill published his essay, just as nothing is ever added to the vital substance of a religion by generations of exegetes.

The trouble is that while it has acquired some of the least attractive traits of religious fundamentalism, feminism is no religion. The object of the movement is social advancement, not spiritual wellbeing. Moreover, as so often the case with social movements, the advancement at issue is by and large that of the movement's leaders, using the rank-and-file as cannon fodder in the war to transvalue existing values to their own advantage. The subtitle of Susan

Faludi's Backlash and the

title of the new book by

Marilyn French are almost

identical. In contrast to a

whose concern was the liberty

Robin Lee

BACKLASH The undeclared war against women By Susan Faludi Chatto & Windus, £9.99 THE WAR AGAINST WOMEN By Marilyn French Hamish Hamilton, £9.99

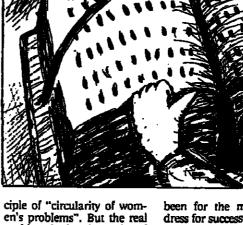
of the individual, the authors see themselves as uniformed generals in an army of social liberation. Now their communiques from the front line are here to tell us, back in the barracks, that the war is far from over, that glory is still for the hero and, for the coward. ignominy. To tell us, in short. that the war is not going well.

To any conscientious objector or independent thinker, it is at once obvious why this should be so. The movement - in its fundamentalist revolutionary form - was started by a small group of activists with a special interest, whose message was detonated by the media for political purposes of their own until it acquired all the characteristics of a fullscale social conflict. Some

time later, however, and again for political purposes of their own, the media withdrew their support as singlemindedly as they had lent it, leaving the generals exposed to ridicule and derision. Can these books now turn the tide? The answer unless the media's interests yet again happen to coincide with those of the authors - is: no, they cannot.

These books are beneath criticism, as is the modern feminist cause they advocate. Their philosophical model, with antecedents in the pseudoscience of Marx and Freud, is the search for what is called a "theory of everything", a kind of social philosopher's stone whereby human baseness can be turned to gold. What the reader finds is demagogy. thinly camouflaged by execrable English prose.

Susan Faludi is the less hoggish of the two. marshalling the lowbrow, flirtatious idiom of Cosmopolitan magazine. Marilyn French, ag-gressive and intemperate, commands the anthropological jargon of patriarchy in ancient Mesopotamia and wife-beating in New York. French postulates the prin-



problem is the circularity of feminist reasoning, familiar to anyone who has ever escaped from the psychoanalyst's couch or argued with a Marxist from Mozambique. At one juncture in Susan Faludi's book, a skirt below the knee is evidence of male tyranny, with the implication that, had it not been for the movement's war of liberation. American women would now be wearing the veil. Else-

where, the skirt becomes

proof of women's resistance

to male tyranny, with the

implication that had it not

been for the movement, to dress for success would mean Page 3 of the Sun. Similarly, the "intimate ap-

parel explosion" of "late 1980s lingerie" is an enemy ruse. a "fashion regression billed as a feminist breakthrough". Elsewhere, a popular singer's display of pornographic corsetry is a rebellious send-up of prim notions of feminine propriety". Male plastic surgeons' advertising is evidence that women do not want their services, and when their caseload doubles, this proves that male advertising generates artificial female needs.

Mill's essay on women aimed to convince, to reveal, to illuminate. By contrast, the modern feminist movement's pop psychologese, inverted novelette romance, vulgarised Marxism and statistics, has been devised to sloganise contentions like "reproductive freedom", rather than to convey ideas.

This philosopher's stone. now once again magnetising the mass media, is feminism's most lethal weapon. If Time, which recently put Faludi on its cover, is any indication of things to come, we women are in for another ideological

A Catholi



Poetry on a precipice

Eric Griffiths praises a biography of the tormented Gerard Manley

Hopkins for its tact and insight

Tather Hopkins had a remarkable head for heights. A fellow Jesuit kept a pet monkey which escaped one day and ran along the guttering on the West Front of Stonyhurst College. Hopkins

climbed out and walked along the

narrow ledge to where the monkey was. He coaxed it to within reach and then led it back through the window. Those who know the West Front at Stonyhurst will realise the neadiness of nerve which that involved. As a child, he was often up a tree; he sketched the abysmal chines of the Isle of Wight, shinned a goalpost to cheer a miserable pupil, and liked to climb Jeffrey Hill in

His poetry too is undizzied but precipitous:

the mind. mind has mountains; cliffs of fall Frightful. sheer, no-man-fathomed. Hold them cheap

HOPKINS A Literary Biography OUP, £35 May who ne'er

Especially in his later life, Hopkins frequently "hung there", over black depression and a sense of his own vacancy: the "desolate" or "terrible" sonnets, in which he ecorded such experiences, are now

isuch admired. They commend themselves to fans of Sylvia Plath. The truly admirable thing about these poems is less noticed - their steadiness of nerve", the fact that he not only "hung there" but hung on in there. This steadiness is ethical as well as rhythmic, as when, feeling at his wits' end — "cry I can no more" — he found the wit rather to "I can:/Can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be." That "I can" at the end of the line steels itself to go on living, answers Hamler's question about suicide ("To be, or not to be") with a resounding double negative: "I can

. not choose not to be." In his torment, he thought not only of Hamlet but also of Cardinal A Newman, for "I can no more" came to him from Newman's portrait of a good Catholic death in The Dream of Gerontius, when the dying hero thinks he is finally exhausted: "I can no more; for now it comes again./That sense of ruin, which is vorse than pain.'

That both Hamlet and Newman occurred to Hopkins is one reason why he presents difficulties for many readers: he lived in two worlds which have not had much to do with each other for a long time: the worlds of English Roman Catholicism and of literary genius. Depending on which sphere the commentator comes from, writing about Hopkins tends either to the pious or the impious, and neither version comprehends what it is to have, as he had, a devout imagination.

Norman White's new biography is, then, all the more welcome. It is deeply researched and deftly written, brims over with tact and insight: nobody has written better about Hopkins's care for the minutiae of natural history. He marshals so many details so well, from the menu of Balliol College in the 1860s ("rissoles, 9d, half a goose, 183d") to the state of the drains from which Hopkins probably caught the ty-phoid he died of. This is a work of studied love for its subject; there is biography of the

poet in my lifetime. And yet the book speckled with misplaced self-confidences. It tells us what Victorian Englishmen thought about the

convincing source to quote for English views, just as Tennyson's poems of the 1840s are poor evidence for the claim that "many poets in the 1870s and early 1880s were obsessed by the mystical significance of twilight". These are venial errors, but they hint at something wrong in the air of the book, like the musty smell which may betray dry rot. The actual rot nestles in this author's unexamined assurance that he knows what's what about his own period and so can pronounce about the past.

Hopkins wrote several poems in praise of soldiers, including "Yes. Why do we all, seeing of a soldier, bless him?" White flatly declares this poem "embarrassing to modern minds". I don't like it much myself. but the first duty of literary people is to exercise imagination. Identifying one's own mind with the modern mind is a habit of the intelligentsia, a bad habit, and a bad place to start on the more subtle task of imagining

We most long for security about the ultimate and the intimate — I mean religion and sex - and consequently are least imaginative about these matters. To be imaginative takes "steadiness of nerve" White's nerve understandably fails him, facing Hopkins in whom these two tricky factors are multiplied by each other. Though White strives a bit to be fair-minded, he will not manage to be even that until he learns to have, at least for a while, a



The chapel at Stonyhurst College, where Hopkins as a boy gave early evidence of a head for heights mind other than his own, and gives afterwards hold up his hands and subject for the attention even of a

up, for instance, saying that Hopkins was mistaken about how to deal with his own depression. If White really knew how to deal with depression, rather than just ticking Hopkins off, he would be a richer man than, I imagine, he is.

When Hopkins taught classics to Irish Catholics, he did not skip the descriptions of rapes and suchlike: he would let the class read them and say "O those poor girls". That took some nerve in the Dublin of those

On this matter, the poet had a more modern mind than his biogdays. On the other hand, he wrote the great poem "To what serves rapher has, because one of the few mortal beauty - dangerous ...?" in which White detects a "certain goods blown to us on the ill wind of Aids is that we rediscover, in our deviousness" because it argues that world where it matters for sex to be carnal beauty is perilous but is created by God as the mark of "safe", the point to Hopkins's "dangerous". Ars longa, vita brevis: this selfhood, and of God's love for the could now be translated as: "Art human soul, and therefore a fit lasts, biographies pass away."

Dear John, fight on

ever received by an American soldier serving in the European theatre of operations in the second world war was reputed to be "Mr Kramer. Go To Hell! With Love, Anne Gurdis." V-(for victory) mail was intro-duced in 1943. Letters written on a special form were then photographed on microfilm. Since a ton of letters photographed in this way weighed only 25lb, valuable shipping space was saved. Letters to soldiers were seen as vital to the war effort, a patriotic duty of those left behind to boost morale. Posters exhorted the women of America to "Be with him at every mail call", "You write, he'll fight" and "Make it

shortest V-mail

Since You Went Away is a collection of such letters, which come mainly from an archive of 25.000 letters amassed by two American academics. The letter writers tried to obey the injunction to "keep cheerful", but real life kept breaking in. There were complaints about the difficulties of feeding and clothing a family on a military allow-ance: the alienation of young wives returning to live with parents or in-laws: uncertainties about the strain on a relationship of prolonged separation: the ever present fear of the telegram "we regret to inform you . . . They chronicle women's

growing wartime indepen-"I'm not exactly the same girl you left ... " And yet there was a growing realisation that the "Rosie the Riveter syndrome" would be seen as a wartime necessity rather than a sign of women's changing economic and social status.

The letters are peppered with valuable confirmatory rather than revelatory details. and are infused with individual concerns. The editors seem content to leave uninterrogated the problem of selection. It was presumably treasured letters that were kept and not those of expectations dashed: there were over 500,000 divorces in the year after the war ended. They ignore the paucity of letters from black Americans: and the vexed question of whether letters to as well as from the war were censored. Some of the most harrow-

ing and uncomfortable letters

Juliet Gardiner

SINCE YOU **WENT AWAY** World War II letters from American Women on the Home Front Edited by Judy Barrett Litoff and David C. Smith OUP, £17.95

BYE BYE BABY The story of the children the Gis left behind By Pamela Winfield Bloomsbury, £16.99 DADDY, WHERE

ARE YOU? The Moving Story of a Daughter's Search for Her GI Father By Shirley McGlade with Mary McConnack Smith Gryphon, £15.99

in the book did not just turn up at the editors' request in this homey way, excavated from the attics of American homes, but are lodged in archives open to scholars. There are tragic pleas from wives and mothers to General MacArthur seeking to estab-lish that their loved ones died a decent death at Bataan. And there is that shameful episode in American history. the internment of the American-born Japanese after Pearl Harbor.

In Britain it is estimated that one result of the American entry into the war was some 22,000 illegitimate children fathered by Gis and this experience of some women in wanime forms the basis of two books. Daddy, Where are You? is relentless in its detailing of Shirley McGlade's search for her GI father and of the organisation (War Babes) she started to help others do the same.

Pamela Winfield, founder of Trace, which has the same aim, has written a rambling, unstructured, apparently unedited book. Bye Bye Baby, about the misunderstandings, frustrations and disappointments of such seekers who occasionally find 'happy endings", which square the circle and yet chill the blood. It is a true reflection, perhaps, of the sad and inchoate unfinished business which is the legacy of war.

Juliet Gardiner is the author of Over Here: The GIs in Wartime Britain (Collins & Brown).

A Catholic on the Jews

ome of the best books on Judaism are written by Christian scholars. When these books are examples of meticulous scholarship, an outsider's view of the Jewish tradition presents few traps for the reader, even when one must be on guard against isolated Christian prejudices. The danger rests more on the other side; a philo-Semitism can sometimes be seen which can

distort the overall picture. In this magisterial study Hans Kung asks: "How can a Christian theologian dare to involve himself in matters which are the internal concern of Jews?" And again: 'How can a Christian theologian dare to go so far to meet Judaism, for example, in connection with the origin of Christianity from Judaism?" These questions have to be asked so that they can be

Küng's objective presenta-tion of contemporary Jewish thought honours the authenticity of a religious pattern which derives its dynamism from the tension between its polarities: and Kung's quesions about interfaith dialogue, Jesus, the Muslims and Israel are all asked with deep sensitivity and under-standing. Almost all Jewish readers will welcome the text and rise to its profound

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Albert H. Friedlander

JUDAISM The Religious Situation of Our Time



By Hans Kiing SCM Press, £35

responses of the past, where this stormy petrel of the Catholic faith has often been a harbinger of controversy. book's framework presents a challenge. Juda-The Religious Situation of

ism is the first part of a mammoth undertaking — Our Time — with two more volumes to follow which will deal with Christianity and Islam. Kung therefore emphasises Abraham's role here, the Semitic wanderer and alien, who is the ancestral father of the three faiths. The true preface to this great enterprise is Kung's book of last year, Global

Responsibility: In search of a New World Ethic (SCM Press, 1990). That work can be summarised in the words Kung sets as the key words to

No peace among the without peace among the No peace among the

religions without dialogue between No dialogue between the religions

without investigation of the foundations of the religions. Hans Kung uses the new language of postmodern the ology, which sees religions passing through changing "paradigms". The world religions, he states, are all .. living international and

transcultural systems tran-scending the individual, which, in the course of their history . . . have gone through a variety of epochmaking paradigms."
He follows Judaism through this pattern of

change in the course of history; and Christianity and Islam will be fitted into the same framework. Although 1 see the individual in Judaism at times transcending the system. Kung does capture the full sweep of Jewish histo-ry and thought.

And of course, there is the over-riding goal for the whole presentation: the need for peace, the need for a world

ethic. In Global Responsibility Kung emphasized the role of religion in fomenting wars, and called for a coali tion between believers and unbelievers which would find a working peace ethic. Here he presents the Judaism in which the ethics of peace have endured through its historical changes. In the modern world, he shows a devout orthodoxy adapting the earlier theocratic mode to chall-enge modernity: and he describes the progressives moving between assimilation and the attempt at co-existence with modernity. The schema does not always capture the reality of Jewish existence fully. But there is

make us confront ourselves. Küng discusses Jewish postmodern faith after Auschwitz and the birth of Israel. For him, Christ dies in Auschwitz - not God -representing suffering humanity. Here, one must end with Wiesel's reminder that one cannot have a theology about (or after) Auschwitz; but one may still try. The fact that there was prayer in Auschwitz entitles us to pray now. And Kung's quest for a universal ethic begins with compassion for all of suffering humanity. His superb book travels a long way towards his distant goal. Dr Friedlander is a rabbi in Kensington and the author of Thread of Gold (SCM).

enough truth within it to

Pleasures of a shorter life

Loncise version to be a cheaper substitute, should be warned that this is not its purpose. Even though it omits nobody, it is an entirely different animal.

It is a kind of historical Who's Who: the average biography is not much longer than a Who's Who entry. Many of the long articles on which these epitomes are based are now a century old. but little or nothing has been added. That task has been left to the new editor of the complete DNB, Colin Matthew, who has already anbut who may suppose this nounced his intention to

Daniel Johnson

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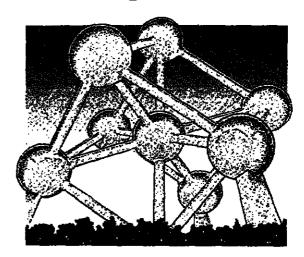
expand the coverage of women and industrialists in a revised edition due to be completed in the next century. Some omissions have been made good: Emily Bronte,

assimilated to her sister Charlotte in the main DNB, has a six-line entry here.

The new Matthew edition has already aroused controversy, and it would certainly be deplorable were any of the contributions by Sir Leslie Stephen and his early contributors to be dropped or altered beyond recognition. But the Concise DNB shows how necessary some revision has become. Does Monty's chief of staff at El Alamein, really deserve 45 lines, when Jane Austen receives nine?

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The red, the blue and the pink

t elections, it seems, the love that dare not speak its name is becoming the love that dare not shut up. So exotic has been the series of stunts arranged by the gay Outrage group, that it is possible to become muddled as to the nature and point of their latest surprise: but I believe that, at a public "gay wedding" recently, Peter Tatchell used the platform to advocate what he called a "pink vote" in this election.

The idea is certainly plausible. Homosexual voters exist in huge numbers, and they vote. But is there an identifiably "pink" voting bloc? The answer is not as simple as Peter suggests.

First, the terminology. I do not care for the word "gay" and agree with those who mourn its loss to the old-fashioned usage, though they have relinquished "queer", "bent", "pansy", "faggot" and "fairy" with less complaint. Nor do I care for the colour pink, seeing no reason to be saddled with the colour of a girl's blouse. But I take the terms as I find them now widely in use.

'The pink vote" is a phrase, and an idea, imported from America. The claim is that enough voters identify themselves as homosexual, and attach sufficient importance to this, to make it worthwhile for mainstream political parties to angle openly for their support. If true, then gays join pensioners, blacks, sabbatarians, Jews, animal lovers, and people with incomes above £22.000, as definable groups with strong and special sympathies to be wooed.

We used to laugh at Ken Livingstone's GLC's attempts to create such a constituency in London. We no longer laugh. This is the first election in which the pink vote has been properly dis-cussed on all sides and at every level. Ministers have been wondering seriously and aloud about the possible implications.

That this vote must exist in certain limited cases, at least, is easily shown. America proves it. Cities or suburbs with large concentrations of gay voters are undoubtedly places where the "pink vote" has meaning. Only a fool would argue that you could run for office in parts of California, heedless of the hopes or fears of gay voters over such issues as homosexual law reform, police attitudes, or Aids research and treatment.

But the gay community does not exist in Britain as it does in America. Most homosexuals here know few others; many are completely isolated. I should say that the majority subscribe to no special journal, are part of no organisation or group, make no regular visits to any gay venue, and cannot properly be said to be attached to any gay sub-culture at all. They are cut off from the exchange of news or opinion which is central to what politicians call "community".

What they call the "gay commucities is a relatively small number of (mostly) men with an open life-style and some shared pubs and clubs. Elements of this community can certainly be galvanised and wooed, or offended, by the efforts of politicians: but demands are steep and numbers small. This community's very public image and lifestyle and radical politics can embarrass quieter gays. Politically, it is a doubtful ally and one which consistently over-estimates its ability to "deliver" gay votes.

If the pink vote is to be of real interest to pollsters, and if it is of anything like the size that gay activists claim, then we must be talking about a much larger group: the great mass of silent, closeted, or at least discreet homosexuals, vastly out-numbering the "out" coteries of the big cities. Unless Mr Tatchell is talking about the iceberg, rather than the visible tip, then he is not talking big numbers. We have no San Francisco in Britain.

asks whether the large number of

Matthew Parris

homosexual voters can be lumped into a 'pink' voting bloc

pockets of shocking pink. Around the aggressively "out" community described above, there is a larger penumbra of quieter but relatively self-confident gay people concen-trated in a handful of places. I should be surprised if politicians (local or national) in Brighton, for example, Earl's Court, or central Edinburgh were not mindful of this significant group among their voters. It is worth wooing. The Tory candidate for marginal Edinburgh Central, Paul Martin, has been outspoken in his sympathy for homosexual causes. If Tories in Brighton have not asked themselves how they might regain control of their town council from

Labour, then they ought to.
I notice that in the marginal constituency of Westminster North, the Conservative incumbent. Sir John Wheeler, has been emphatic in recent months on the need to reduce the age of homosexual consent. I know Sir John. He has expressed these opinions openly before. But never, I think it is fair to say, with the fanfare we have heard this time. There have been headlines in Capital Gay and the Pink

'People are not just gay, but also Ulstermen, convinced believers in the free market, socialists, or nuclear disarmers. Some elections will thrust those other concerns to the fore'

Paper, and I'm sure he sees these as useful. Yet it is not so long since a lead story in a homosexual newspaper quoting a Tory MP's pro-gay opinions would have been considered an unmitigated embarrassment to him.

In Hampstead, another critical Tory marginal, the retiring MP may or may not know that his image (perhaps unfair) as a moral conservative lost him a useful edge among hundreds, perhaps thousands, of gay voters and their friends, who were not naturally hostile to his party. Some voted Labour, some abstained; and some supported the Liberals, the party with the most consistently sympathetic approach to homosexual law

But these are special cases, un-usual constituencies: areas with a large, self-confident, and self-defining gay population. They exist and are growing, but remain a tiny minority of constituencies. The question I have so far shirked is whether it is becoming generally true that a candidate with attitudes attractive to homosexual voters gains a significant electoral advantage. To answer this, we need to talk numbers and assess just how important this issue could be to a gay voter. And we need to weigh up the electoral costs, too, of a pro-gay stance. Is there, as some Conservatives have believed, a significant

anti-gay vote to be won or lost?
Nobody knows how many adult homosexuals there are in Britain. and nobody ever will. Claims like "one in five" or "one in 20" do

violence to the fragile, shifting, and ambiguous nature of human sexu-ality. Many people are somewhat one way, somewhat the other, Many are not sure what they are. Many insist, apparently sincerely, that they are one thing while their behaviour suggests that they are another. Some people change. Some are so ashamed of their sexuality that they develop an unreasoned fear or dislike of those who share it.

It may even be doubted whether, though we know that people of the same sex may arouse each other sexually, we can be sure of more than that some people often do, some sometimes do, and some never. Which are "homosexuals", and what is "homosexuality" may be a will-o'-the wisp. I have the suspicion that a future age may look back on this rather as we review medieval researches into the number and division of the humours of the body. Who knows? But of this I am certain: that any pollsters' quest to find "how many homosexual voters" exist will reach no determinate conclusion.

Instead, I would settle for this, which may sound flippant, but is a good deal more reliable than clipboards: though the incidence of lesbianism is unknown to me, my not-untutored judgment is that if an attractive man tries to seduce another man in discreet and propitious circumstances, then he will not be wasting his time with as many as one in ten, and no fewer than one in 20. Where that puts the number of homosexuals', goodness knows: but it does suggest that at least two or three million

voters (in the words of an old fellow I once knew) "under-stand the conflicts of life"!

But that is quite a different matter from asserting that they see their sexuality as a political issue which could affect their wote. Again, it is no good asking people. They will lie. The lies cut both ways. Some will protest that they only vote on "nat-ional" issues, but be secretly put off a candidate whose homophobia offends them. Others will insist that this issue is central — and then, in the privacy of the polling booth, find the pencil strangely driven towards the old party they have always supported.
So I will offer you a second

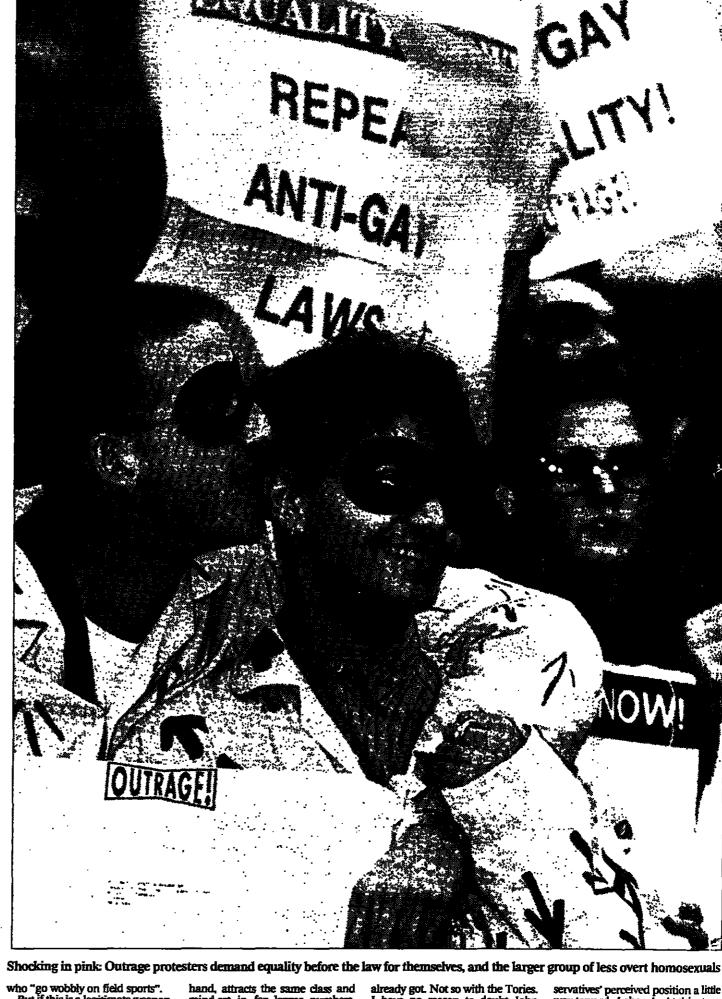
certainty: that any pollster's quest to find "to what extent a homosexual voter's sexuality influences his or her vote" will, again, reach no determinate conclusion.

Besides, it depends on the strength of rival issues. People are not just (say) gay, but also (say) Ulstermen, convinced believers in the free market, socialists, or nuclear disarmers. Some elections will thrust those other concerns to the fore, and persuade a gay voter to relegate "pink" concerns.

Much depends, too, on the distance between rival parties' who is gay might be prepared to bite his lip and overlook a marginally less sympathetic approach by his party: but should Conservatives (say) start talking about recriminalising homosexuality, or run a campaign of sneers at homosexuals, he might even consider voting for a party whose other

policies he rejects.

I grow tired of the argument that this is irresponsible. Of course it is. It is also the very stuff of democracy. Since the invention of the ballot box, politicians have had to reckon with the voter prepared to put special concerns ahead of "national" issues. Catholics, Cypriots, anti-abortionists, farmers, huntsmen, coal-miners, and paraplegics do it: why shouldn't homosexuals? The issue matters to some of us at least as much as fox-hunting, yet I have been asked in incredulous tones how I could see homosexuality as a political issue - and. moments later, that there are thousands of votes to be lost by MPs



But if this is a legitimate weapon. then it can be used by others, too. Is there not an anti-gay vote? Are there not costs? Gay campaigners sometimes talk as though there were only votes to be won, none to be lost. Is that true? Paradoxically, I think it is the Conservative party which can more easily afford to upset moral conservatives on this issue. There is a very small group of educated Tories, which is so strongly hostile to homosexual reform that its votes could be forfeited here: but it is among working-class Tories that real antipathy will be found in strength. I question whether it would make sense to such people to defect to the Labour party — whose stance on homosex-uality they would suppose (wrongly as it happens) to be infinitely more pro-gay. Labour, on the other

mind-set in far larger numbers. And they are the very people it risks losing to the Tories.

overnent by the Labour party towards the wilder shores of homosexual politics really does cost support, here, and I believe that is why Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley have blown so cool on the idea. They can afford to disappoint moral radicals, who have nowhere else to go: but they must nurse their moral conserva-tives more carefully than the Tories must. Tory homophobes have no-

where else to go.
So far, Neil Kinnock has (in effect) promised a free vote on the age of consent. My judgment is that, beyond this, there aren't many

I have no reason to doubt John Major's personal open-mindedness towards homosexuality. I know it is muine. But I should be surprised

if he is not aware of a modest electoral possibility here. The evidence is that as many homosexuals are Conservative-inclined as heterosexuals. Material self-interest in a one-person (or twoperson, two-earner, no-children) household favours a low tax economy: and I have observed a deep conservatism in many gay men. Insecurity may be among the

If, as I suggest, there are many homosexuals anxious to vote Tory, prepared to forgive their party an attitude marginally less helpful than Labour's, but not to forgive homophobia, then Mr Major has votes to be won that he hasn't every interest in shifting the Con-

way towards Labour's. At this stage in the game, Tory-inclined pink voters will be impressed by quite modest moves. These need not risk working-class support.

John Major has had a chat with Sir lan McKellen and written a cautiously friendly letter to the Tories' gay campaigning organis-ation, TORCHE, which was hardly reported. My judgment is that he could make a further, cautious, step. A matching promise of a free vote would risk little and could bring him in a few hundred votes in most constituencies, a thousand or so in a handful more.

That would be useful - no less, no more. I admire Peter Tatchell, but if gay activists are careful in their estimates of the votes they can deliver, they are more likely to be

Blasted into the history books

Know any famous Belgians? Add Dirk Frimout,

the country's first astronaut, to the other five

is face adoms every newspaper, maga-L zine cover and television news bulletin in the country. "His big smile, blue eyes, moustache and hair, so sympathetic, so gentle," fawns Le Soir, Belgium's biggest selling daily quality news-paper. Who is this divine creation? The king? The new prime minister?

He is Dirk Frimout, the man from Poperinge, West Flanders, who is redefining the name-five-famous-Belgians riddle. Eddy Merckx. Tintin and Hercule Poirot have seen their day. M Frimout, sitting atop 150 feet and 1,500 tons of liquid propulsion blasting into the blue Florida sky. has etched himself irrevocably on the national psyche. Dirk Frimout, a name and face to conjure with - and Belgium's first astronaut.

The 51-year old electronics scientist, chosen by Nasa in 1985, has reawoken a frontier the banner headline in

spirit in Belgians not seen since King Leopold's days in the Congo. The verb "to orbit" has been struck from the dictionary; to "frimoutiser" round the globe is now à la mode, and Tuesday, takeoff day at the Kennedy Space Center became known as

"Jour F". The state television station RTBF and the Flemish regional channel BRT have broadcast live from Cape Canaveral every day of the past week, as leaks and the indement heavens agonisingly pushed back the final countdown. On the set of Télé-Bruxelles, the capital's station, an enormous model of Frimout's shuttle, the Atlantis, has been rigged up, and university boffins are called in daily to explain before the cameras the high-technology superstructure. The takeoff brought Belgium to a standstill. "The noise. The light. The emotion: He's gone!" ran

La Libre Belgique yesterday. In a nation seemingly ob-sessed with looking into the sky — 2,600 Belgians confessed to having seen UFOs in a nine-month cosmic purple patch in 1990 - it has been disappointing to learn that the Atlantis will be invisible as it circles 300km above the globe for the next six days on its eight-day mission. But the television and newspaper images persist, and Belgians can rest content in the knowledge that Dirk can have no higher calling. M Frimout, it has been made poignantly clear, is no galactic joy rider, his is a voyage of destiny. Mission STS45 is destined to save the planet. The seven-man crew of Atlantis, which also includes British-born Michael Foale, wili undertake a dozen experiments to try to establish whether ozone depletion is natural or of man's causing.

Travelling to Western Flanders on a pilgrimage to M Frimout's birthplace, Poper-



Up and away: Dirk Frimout, an electronics scientist, is the first Belgian in space

inge, a tiny hop-dependent community "forgotten by its Flemish mother". *Le Soir's* intrepid Christian Laporte tracked down the cosmonaut's sister. Micheline Frimout's personal voyage of discovery has been rather more terrestrial than her brother's; she teaches dress design at the local school and has married the mayor of "Frimout City". Of course I talk to my

pupils about it," she told M Laporte, "But I don't talk about him going to the moon. I talk about him saving the

breathe." The quest to understand more about Belgium's favourite son then uncovers an old classmate, Roger Vancayseele, who remembers Dirk the earthling as "a shy but marvellous companion who beat us

ozone layer, so that we can all

all at science. He was also good at chess".

After leaving Poperinge M Frimout blasted his way to stardom via Ghent university and the European Space Agency laboratories in Noordwijk. The Netherlands. But despite his now galactic status. it is to Poperinge that our hero always returns in his free time, jogging with the mayor before hearty brunch of petit pain.

In 1928 M Frimout's father, a pilot, made a historic flight from Schaffen to Bordeaux. On this greatest Frimout journey of them all. Dirk will proudly carry the red and yellow flag of Poperinge, adorned with corns of hops, and his first Belgian press conference will be in the Hotel de Ville.

Never mind that King Baudown is recovering from a serious heart by-pass opera-tion in Paris, that a new government has just been formed, that Brussels has just seen a huge anti-racism rally. In his blue Nasa space suit, the mad-professor grin beneath the frizzed hair beams out from a dozen news columns.

n its front page last Friday Le Soir carried an opinion poll showing the majority of Belgians to be in favour of the country's space spending, which comes to about 500 francs, or nine pounds, per inhabitant in a nation of 10 million. Thirteen per cent of Belgians questioned said they, too, would go on a shunle mission, "even if it

cost 100,000 francs" (£1,700). Belgium remains one of the most enthusiastic participants in the European Space Agency, and already has five candi-dates lined up for the Hermes European Space Shuttle. With astronaut training facilities under construction at Zaven-

tem airport in Brussels, the

Frimout voyage could hardly fail to ignite the smouldering embers of space passion. Frimout's wife Lieve.

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daughter Barbara and son Emmanuel have all been extensively interviewed, and the family, along with the King's nephews Philippe and Laurent and Maurice Dehaisse. the Belgian science minister. are all in Cape Canaveral enjoying "l'aventure Frimout-Since being chosen from more than 200 international

scientific candidates in 1985. M Frimout's patience has been tested by the painstaking painful rebuilding of the shut tle programme in the wake of the Challenger disaster in 1986. Mme Frimout, reports Le Soir, has been undergoing psychiatric counselling to prepare her for the worst. For her husband, the Atlan-

tis mission is the realisation of a childhood dream, "When I was 16," he told the Belgian journal Notre Temps, "I was fascinated by the Sputniks. I bought a short-wave radio and just listened to the bleep, bleep as they came round. I remember all the satellites, the dog Laika, the first steps on the moon, like it was all yesterday. I remember staying up in front of the television all night." Which is just what M Frimout's countrymen are doing all this week.

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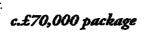
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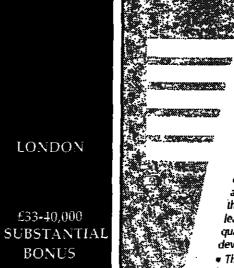
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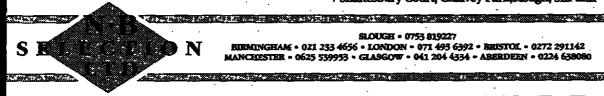
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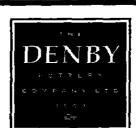
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nation for centuries, yet its citizens remain notorious for their lack of language skills. Stephen Hagen, the curriculum director of languages at the City Technology Colleges Trust in Newcastle, paints a stark picture of the dangers of monolingualism and the economic penalties that can result.

He says: "I have, for example, recently returned from Australia and found that in less than ten years, the country has refocused its language learning pro-

gramme, in keeping with world economic realities. All schools now teach Japanese as the first foreign language. While 54,000 Australians are now learning Japanese, the UK produced only 300 such students last year. Proximity to Japan is not the sole reason," Mr Hagen says. "The na-ture of global trade now makes learning Japanese sensible anywhere." Mr Hagen

questions our dogged adherence to French in schools, even though Britain does not have a substantial trade deficit with France. "It is no

which we produce the least linguists." and cites Germany, Japan and Italy.

There is a total lack of an integrated language strategy in the UK, especially within companies. The view that anybody can learn a language should his or her job require it is misplaced. Some people are suited to fast-track learning. others are not A mismatch leads to frustration, and even to dismissal." Companies should try to design "linguistic profiles" of all employees, Mr

Even in countries where English is acceptable, our ability to understand the local business culture is restricted by our ignorance of the language. We miss important cultural nuances, and it should be self-evident that a business can prosper only if its managers really understand its customers.

Next year, the barriers to trade between the members of the European Community will have fallen. This should have given new urgency to our interest in languages, especially since one study of 2,000 companies employing 100 or more, carried out by the Institute of Manpower Studies (IMS) for the employment department last year, found more than 60 per cent of UK

companies do business with dients whose first language is not English.

In her study, "Foreign Language Needs of Business", Hilary Metcalf says: "The survey uncovered extensive unmet Of the companies with foreign business activities, all identified some unmet language needs for the lanmost important business contacts and 23 per cent said that lack of a particular language created a

barrier to business.

"Obviously the

extent to which foreigners spoke John Courtis: growing demand coincidence," he says, "that we have the largest deficits with the countries for English affected companies' language needs. Thirty-five per cent of companies found that English was adequate for

business with their most important clients. The countries where English was least often adequate, and so required language ability, were Germany, Spain and Italy, together with Eastern Europe. As well as language capability, under-standing cultural and business norms of foreign business contacts was regarded as very important and seen to affect the success of the business."

One of the more discouraging find-ings was that half of the companies surveyed expect business changes to lead to greater language needs during the next five years. But, only a quarter expect to increase their language training in



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that period. There are further clues to companies' attitudes to long-term investment in language skills. The Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services reports in the 1992 edition of its annual study, "What do Graduates Do?", that only a third of the 4,368 modern language graduates in 1990 entered full-time UK employment. Sixteen per cent found jobs abroad — mainly teaching English.

However, there has been a surge in interest among undergraduates to ac-quire language skills through combined subject courses such as the Erasmus programme (European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students), but again, companies have been slow to take advantage.

Keith Dugdale, the director of the careers service at the University of Strathchyde, detects a "very marginal change" in employer demand for language skills. He says: "We are just beginning to see employers say that this is one of the additional skills that could be useful". But he also notes that "initatives are more student-driven than employer-driven".

If employers are taking a short-term view of their future language require-ments, there is evidence that immediate needs are now reflected in the recruitment market. John Courtis, of John Courtis & Partners, a search and selection consultant, has noticed a substantial increase in demand for managers with language skills. He says: "We have seen a 20 per cent increase during 1990-1 in the number of jobs where a language is preferred or essential. Unfortunately, fewer than 1 per cent of managers have fluency in a significant European language other than French."

He also observes that some candidates seem oblivious to foreign language skills. As an example, he cites a candidate who under "languages" on his application form put BASIC and COBOL which are both computer "languages".

Languages in International Business:
 A Practical Guide, edited by Stephen Hagen and Doug Embleton (Hodder & Stoughton, available April 1992).

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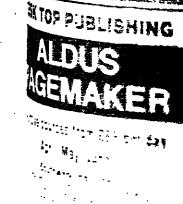
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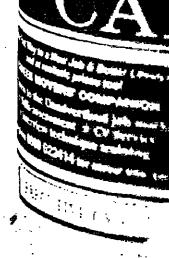
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Chancery Division

Right to appeal against tax

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appeal determined according to The provisions of section 206 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 relating to Schoolule E assessments made more than 12 months after the end of a tax year and required to be in accordance with the Inland Reverrue practice generally prevailing at the time, did not operate to

restrict such rights. Mr Justice Rattee, sitting as an additional judge of the Chancery Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a termination of a single special commissioner, Mr D. A. Shirley, that had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer, Donald Alfred Tickner. against assessment to tax for the years from 1983 to 1986 made alternatively under Schedule E and Schedule D in respect of payments to his wife by the Home Office to sponsor her training as a probation officer on a postgraduate course at University College

The special commissioner held:
(1) that the sponsorship payments ere not chargeable to Schedule

E income tax: (2) that they would be chargeable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D but (3) were exempt by virtue of section 375 of the 1970 Act as scholarship income and (4) that the provisions of section 206 of the Act did not operate to prevent the taxpayer's appeal in respect of the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 from

being upheld. The Crown appealed by way of case stated only against the commissioner's decision on (4).

Section 206 of the Act, additional provision for certain Sched-ule E assessments, provides: "Where an assessment to income tax under Schedule E is made as

respects income which - (a) has been taken into account in the making of deductions or repayments of tax under section 204 above [PAYE], and (b) was received not less than twelve months before the beginning of the year of assessment in which the assessment is made, then, if the assessment is made after the expiration of the period of twelve months immediately following the year of assessment for which it is made, it shall be made in accordance with the practice generally prevailing at the expiration of that period." Mr Nicholas Warren for the

that the Schedule E assessments for 1983-84 and 1984-85 were both made more than 12 months for section 206 purposes.

That being so, the Crown argued, the assessments were required to be made "in accordance with the practice gen-erally prevailing at the expiration of that period. That practice was to treat income receipts such as those paid to the taxpayer's wife as taxable under Schedule E and as not being within the section 375 exemption.

Thus, it was said, the taxpayer could not successfully appeal against the assessments notwithstanding the commissioner's decision that the prevailing revenue practice was misconceived and that the taxpayer should never have been charged to tax in respect of his wife's receipts.

That was an unattractive proposition. But Mr Warren said that it was correct as a matter of

The taxpayer conceded that the payments in question fell within paragraphs (a) and (b) of section the assessments were made in accordance with the then prevailing revenue practice.

However, Mr Prosser contended that the effect of section

assessment determined according to the law as opposed to what the revenue practice might have been at the time.

The section, he said, was not a charging provision, being in Chapter 3. "Assessment, Collection, Recovery and Appeals" and there was nothing in it that was apt to deprive the taxpayer of his fundamental right of appealagainst the assessments in order have them determined in accordance with the law and not revenue practice.

The Crown's case amounted to saying that section 206 had the effect of substituting revenue practice for what the law was as the measure of a tampayer's liabil-ity. While, no doubt, the legisla-ture could effect such a result, it could only do so by clear words, so tion was possible.

The taxpayer's submission that section 206 contained no such clear proposition was correct.

under section 206 a taxpayer was not to be deprived of the right conferred on him by section 31 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 to challenge on appeal the validity of any prevailing revenue

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Fraudulent leaflets not corrupt

Regina v Local Government Election Commissioner, Ex Mainwaring and parte Another

Harris Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord

Regina v Same, Ex parte

Justice Nolan [Reasons March 24] Liberal local election candidates in Tower Hamlets who issued

leaflets designed to look as if they had been produced by their Labour opponents were not guilty of a corrupt practice contrary to section 115 of the Representation of the People Act 1983. Although the leaflets were fraudulent they had not been shown to have impeded or prevented the free exercise of the franchise of any

The Court of Appeal so held in giving reasons for their decision on March 13 to allow an appeal three elected Liberal candidars from the Queen's Bench
Divisional Court (Lord Justice
Neill and Mr Justice
McCullough) (The Times January
21) which had quashed a decision of Mr Commissioner John Rowe, QC, and had held in favour of the applicants for judicial review, Julia Mainwaring, Amanda Owen and Belle Harris, three unsuccessful Labour candidates, that the issuing of the leaflets did

involve corrupt practice.

Section 115 of the 1983 Act provides: "(2) A person shall be guilty of undue influence...(b) if, by ... any fraudulent device or e, he impedes or prevents the free exercise of the franchise of an elector or proxy for an elector, or so compels, induces or prevails upon an elector or proxy for an elector either to vote or to refrain from voting."

Mr Michael Burton, QC and Mr Richard Anelay for the Liberal councillors; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for Julia Mainwaring and Amanda Owen; Ms Belle Harris in person; Mr Robin Tolson for the DPP.

LORD FARQUHARSON said that Mr Commissioner Rowe had heard and dismissed three election petitions arising from the local government elections in Tower

Hamlets on May 3, 1990. Liberal Democrat activists had prepared and distributed a mock Labour leaflet among potential Labour supporters. It contained factually accurate statments of policy, in the sense that those point, in the sense that indees statements had been made by various Labour spokesmen in the past. But the statements were politically tendentious and advocated policies which might not have been acceptable to Labour voters in the borough.

ment was intended to deceive those to whom it was directed. Distribution took place at night and only a day or two before the election so that there would have been little time for the Labour Party to publish a document disowning the leaflets.

It was now agreed that the commissioner fell into error in his conclusion that the leaflet was not a fraudulent device. It did not cease to be fraudulent because its

ents were true. It was plain that the leaflet was made up to give the appearance of a Labour publication which it was not. It lied about its own genesis

and was clearly fraudulent. But section 115(2) further required that the fraudulent device impeded or prevented the free exercise of the franchise by an ector. Mr Goudie submitted that on a proper reading of the commissioner's judgment he was finding that voters were so

Although section 115(2) had been on the stanue book for many years its meaning was not entirely clear. Mr Burton argued that in deciding what effect a fraudulent device had on a voter, one looked to the casting of his vote on polling day to see at that point if he had been impeded or pre-vented in the free exercise of the

Mr Goudie contended that the effect on the voter, whether it was of impediment or prevention, occurred when he saw the leaflet after it had been delivered to him.
Mr Goudie's interpretation was unacceptable. Where a voter had been subject to a deception but

was told of the document's falsity before he recorded his vote, he voting. When he reached the ballot box his mind affected by the deceit practised on

Thus the correct and practical interpretation was that advanced by Mr Burton. It was the exercise of the franchise which had to be impeded and that pointed to the time that exercise took place.

That lead to the principal point taken on the appeal: whether the Divisional Court was entitled to draw inferences from the evidence that were not drawn by the commissioner who had conchided that none of the witnesses called had been impeded prevented in the free exercise of the franchise by the leaflet.

Lord Justice Neill had had no doubt that it was "an unavoidable inference that in the case of some exercise of the franchise was

impeded". But there was direct evidence before the commissioner that 16 voters were not impeded and no evidence from any others that they were so affected. It was not possible to draw an inference that other voters, not called and not identified, had been impeded. ing argument to the standard of proof required to establish a breach of the subsection. If a person was found guilty of a corrupt practice he was liable to be prosecuted on indictment. He

might be the subject of severe electoral disqualifications. If there was a prosecution there was no doubt that the case had to of proof. A person accused of corrupt practice before an electoral court should be held to have committed it only if the allegation was proved beyond reasonable doubt. It would not be desirable to have a different standard of proof in different courts on the same

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN concurring, said that for the purposes of section 115 an elector exercised his franchise at the time when he cast his vote. If a person was to be found guilty of a corrupt practice it had to be proved that by one or other of the specified means he had impeded or prevented an elector from casting his vote freely. It was to be hoped that the

legislature would reconsider the language of the section. Some such provision was an essential part of the law's armoury in a democratic sociey, but the terms of the present section were framed in the last century and might be thought to require revision by reference to the less robust and less easily detected but no less effective methods of exerting in fluence which were now available. The leaflet in the present case was plainly designed to mislead

electors into opposing, or withdrawing their support from the opposing party's candidates and the possibility that it achieved some success, although not proved, could not be excluded.

Lord Justice Parker gave a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Sebastian Coleman

No duty on recipient of offer

C and H Engineering (a Firm) v K. Klucznik and Son

Before Mr Justice Aldous

Dudgment March 231 In the course of litigation outside the Family Division, the recipient of a Calderbank offer (1976) Fam 93) was under no obligation to accompany a rejection of it either with some counter-offer or

with some attempt to negotiate a Mr Justice Aldous so held in the Chancery Division, in rejecting a submission to the contrary effect by counsel on behalf of K. Klucznik and Son Ltd, the defendants, whose offer to settle an action for breach of copyright brought against it by C and H Engineering (a firm), the plaintiffs, sent *o*n June 28, 1991 under the heading "Without prejudice save as to costs", the plaintiffs had

Miss Mary Vitoria for the plaintiffs; Mr Jonathan D. C. Turner for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE ALDOUS said that in Gojkovic v Gojkovic [1991] 3 WLR 621, 636) Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, after noting that the requirement in Order 62. rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme

Court for the court to take account of Calderbank offers in exercising its discretion as to costs had recognised that such offers required to have teeth in order to be

ffective, had stated: There are certain preconditions. Both parties must make full and frank disclosure of all relevant assets and put their cards on the table. Thereafter the

serious offer . . . then it is incumbent on the aplicant to accept or reject the offer and, if the latter, to make [her] position clear and indicate in figures what [she] is asking for (a counter-offer). It is incumbent on both parties to

make an attempt to settle the Counsel had contended that those remarks were of general

disagreed. A judge's discretion as to costs ought not to be fettered by any such rule as that a party who did not negotiate would in general be penalised. A plaintiff believing himself entitled to a particular order or sum was under no obligation to accept anything less. Solicitors: M and S Solicitors, Leicester; Bowcock & Pursaill,

Selling tobacco to child a strict liability offence

St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council v Hill

Selling tobacco to a person apparentiy under 16 years of age, contrary to section 7(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended by section 1 of the Protection of Children (Tobacco) Act 1986, was an offence of strict liability so that the proprietor of a shop was guilty of the offence even when he had played no direct part in the transaction and had known noth-

Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Waterhouse) so held March 23 in allowing an appeal by St Helens Metropolitan Bor-ough Council against a decision of St Helens Justices to dismiss an information alleging that Chris-topher Hill was guilty of the offence under section 7.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that although Bosley v Davies ((1875) 1 QBD 84) was authority that an employer was not liable for offences of his servants, there

were exceptions, one of which was offences of strict liability, the test for which could be found in Mousell Brothers Ltd v London and North Western Railway Co ([1917] 2 KB 836, 845).

Applying that test, and having regard to the object of section 7, and the subsequent changes of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991, there was no doubt that the offence of selling tobacco to a child apparently under the age of 16 was a strict liability offence.

Convention limits damages in pilot error crash

and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment March 24] A pilot and a company, the principal for the contract of carriage, could rely on the Warsaw Convention, amended by the Hague Pronocol agreed in 1955, so as to restrict the sum recovership by ways of damages account. able by way of damages arising from a plane crash caused by the

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when (I) dismissing the appeal of Frank Gutner, Ernst Schudel and Kurt Zbinden, who were injured in the crash of a twin-engined aircraft on November 11, 1983 into a

administrators of the estates of Peter Balmer and Ernst Emch, both killed in the crash, against the judgment of Mr Justice Owen on July 31, 1990 that the pilot of the aircraft, Peter Stuart Palmer. and Cleanacres Ltd, the principal for the contract of carriage, could Convention so as to restrict the sum recoverable by way of dam-age and against the judge's de-cision that the air traffic controller employed by Tayside Regional Council, managers and operators of Dundee airport, had not been negligent; and (ii) dismissing the cross-appeal of Cleanacres against the finding of Mr Justice Owen that it was liable as prin-

cipal for the contract of carriage

made through the agency of Mr Trevor Philipson, OC and

Mr Bankim Thanki for the plaintiffs; Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, Mr Michael Crane and Mr Robert Lawson for Cleanarres, Mr Charles Flint for the pilot; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC and Mr Martin Reynolds for Tayside.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the words of articles 25 and 25A of the amended Warsaw Convention, brought into force in the United Kingdom by the Carriage of Goods by Air Act 1961, focused attention on the act or omission and meant that the pilot had to do or to omit to do something "with knowledge that damage would probably result" from that act or omission.

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9.05 Election Call introduced by Jonathan Dimbleby. Alex Salmond, the SNP leader answers viewers and listeners general election questions. To participate ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (1139607)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (8473317) 10.05 Playdays (r) (8969442) 10.25 The Family Ness. Cartoon (r) (8476404) 10.35 Gibbertain. Celebrity word game (9929171) 11.05 Beautywise.

in the battle against cellulite, four women undergo different treatments designed to give them shapely thighs (3566997) 11.30

People Today (9335510)
12.20 Pebble Mill. Among the guests is singer Yazz (s) (2062539) 12.65
Regional News and weather (60687423) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (93152)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (34472143) 1.50 Turnabout. Quiz game

that tests word power (26377779)

2.15 Film: Erebus — The Aftermath (1989) sterring Frank Finlay, lan Mune and Helen Moulder. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the controversy surrounding one of the world's worst air disasters - the destruction of an Air New Zealand DC10 which flew into the side of an Antarctic mountain in November 1979. Part two

tomorrow afternoon at 1.50. Directed by Peter Sharp (660084) 3.50 Metvin and Maureer's Music-a-Grams (s) (6991775) 4.05

Jackanory (5502881) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (4315201) 4.30 Dizzy Heights. (Ceefax) (s) (9325797)

4.55 Newsround (5618171) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (8104997) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (963084). Northern treland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (423) 8.30 Regional News Magazines (775). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (4591) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceelax) (s) (959) 8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. When Compo complains that the hills

are getting steeper, Foggy has an idea that he hopes will bring pleasure back into climbing (r). (Ceefax) (5369) 8.30 Us Girls. Lisselle Kayla's contredy series about three generations of one family living under the same roof. (Ceefax) (s) (9046)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather

(445997) 9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (910733)

 Porridge.
 CHOICE: A re-run of the first series of Parridge from 1974 gives an opportunity to salute one of television's best sitcoms. Se the show inside a prison, and making one of the inmates the hero, seemed a bold stroke by the writers Dick Clement and lan La Frenais. But they were only drawing on one of the oldest comic ploys, of getting the audience to side with the cheeky and resourceful undermining of authority. The scripts embellished the theme brilliantly with dialogue, witty, inclsive and beautifully turned, that has rarely been equalled in the sitcom. Porridge was also a triumph for Ronnie Barker, who showed that he was not only a future but the considerable actor. (1) (Confint) (2007) a funnyman but a considerable actor (r). (Ceefax) (99775)
10.30 The Full Wax II. The brash comedienne is joined by another

funnywoman, Jennifer Saunders, and actress Teri Gart (69733)





Electioneering MPs Norman Lamont, Roy Hattersley (11.00pm)

11.00 Campaign Guestion Time presented by Peter Sissons from Birmingham. This week's panel is Norman Lamont, Roy Hattersley,

Simon Hughes and John Taylor (70201)

12.00 On the Hustings. Highlights of the day's main election speeches (67027) 12.30am Weather (6366945)

12.35 Faces of Islam. The third of four programmes for Ramadan (9713331). Ends at 12.50

2.00 The Way Ahead. Series explaining April's new benefits for the

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Science — Volcanic Iceland (3970539): Ends at 7.10, 8.00 Breakfast News (9153794)
 8.15 40 Minutes: The Gypsies Are Coming (r) (8213862)
 9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
 2.00 News and weather (74704626) followed by You and Me (r) (56257171) 2.15 Advice Shop. A look at initiatives tackling the problem of worth people's homelessness (3164591)

problem of young people's homelessness (3164591)
3.00 News and weather (3013404) 3.05 The High Chaperral (r) (6862572) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (4079133)
4.00 One Handred Great Sporting Moments. The 1988 world gymnastics championships (688)



Playing for charity: golfer Severiano Ballesteros (4.30pm)

4.30 Golf. The Minoita Challenge Cup from Walton Heath Golf Club. A skins game between Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Payne rt and lan Woosnam with all the prize money going to charity (27715)

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5.30 Ica Skating. The world figure skating championships from the Coliseum Arena, Oakland, California (152)

6.00 Film: Natked Spur (1953).

© CHOICE: A collaboration during the 1950s between James Stewart and the director Anthony Menn produced a string of fine westerns and a tougher, more knowing Stewart than the genial bumbler of early films. Mann's west eschews the historical dimension of, say, John Ford's, and becomes a battleground for the individual. In The Natked Spur Stewart plays a bounty hunter trying to bring a wanted men to justice. He needs the \$5,000 reward to buy back land he lost during the cluli war. The film is an reward to buy back land he lost during the civil war. The film is an examination of motives as much as a story of pursuit, with Stewart's values being contrasted with those of the wanted man (Robert Ryan), his girlfriend (Janet Leigh) and a renegade officer (Ralph Meeker). As usual in Mann the theme is echoed in the (rasph Meeker). As usual in Main' the theme is exholed in the landscape, which sets up physical challenges and helps to define the characters. (Ceefax) (3978). Wales: See Hearl 6.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Bazaar 7.20 Abroad in Britain 7.50-8.30 Statements 7.30 First Sight: Election Special. A report on the campaigning in the South-east. Northern Ireland: Situations Vacant; East: Matters of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-week Clear (in North-East).

west: Close Up North; South; Southern Eye

8.00 Abroad in Britain: in Search of Bohemia. The last in Jonethan
Meades's series on exotic Britain (r). (Cestax) (1881)

8.30 Top Gear. Quentin Wilson enthuses over MGSs; and Tory

on with news from the Vauchali Sport Rally (7688) 9.00 Red Dwarf V. Last in the off-best science fiction comedy series starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles. (Ceefax) (8210)
9.30 War Stories: Virginia Gamba-Stonehouse — Arger

Military Strategist.

CHOICE: Tonight's personal view of the Fakklands conflict leaves aside the rights and wrongs and looks at the episode in the context of Argentina's search for unity and national identity. Virginia Gemba-Stonehouse is able to offer a dual perspective. She was born in Buenos Aires but has spent most of her life abroad and is now a teacher of strategic studies at London University. She argues that the invasion of the Malvinas was part of a deeper longing for a place in the sun. Geographically isolated at the end of the world, and not sure whether its cultural roots are European or American, Argentina has been a fragmented society with a weak sense of national pride. Societ has been one force for unity but as series or national pinde. Socier has been one force for unity but as a former chief of staff tells Gamba-Stonehouse: "You don't get to be a great country by winning footbell cups." (Ceefax) (449249)

10.10 The Nicholas Craig Masterclass. The thespian, also known as Nigel Planer, explores the techniques needed for a top chef's television cookery performance. (Ceefax) (s) (344862)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrate

10.40 Neurophyliu with Jerry Parent (200677)

10.40 Newsnight with Jeremy Paoman (229607) 11.35 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (704268) **12.15 Weather (77**61911)

12.20 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.25 Data-Based Aids (7768824). Ends at 12.55

ITV

6.00 TV-am (3021171)

9.25 Lucky Ladders, Word association game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (966607) 9.55 Thames News (6521794) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaire by John Stapleton (6070171) 10.40 This Morning (4849688) 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppets series (9742046)

12.30 TTN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (7121688) 1.10 Themes News (77584591)
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (63164607)
1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the

Australian outback (96397607)
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond looks behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (46492423) 2.50 Take The High

Road. Drama series set in the Highlands (6592607)
3.15 ITN News headlines (3023881) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3020794) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama centred on an Australian city hospital (8401046)

3.55 Toucan Tecs. Animated adventures (s) (4065930) 4.05 Dengermouse. Cartoon adventures of a secret service rodent. With the voices of Terry Scott and David Jason (6011862) 4.30 Rumaway Bay. Adventure series set on the Caribbean island of Martinique (626) 5.00 Cartoon featuring Road Runner (r)

5.10 Who's The Boss? American comedy series starring Tony Danza

(8198336)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) (118607)
5.55 Thurnes Help (r) (855794)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (591)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (827046)
6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (428959)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkstine Dates. (Oracle) (6959)
7.30 In Search of Wildfiffe: The Alligator Trade. Wildfiffe artist David Shepherd, in the last of his series, travels to the Florida swamplands to paint wild alligators (r) (355)
8.00 The Bill: Acting Detective. An undercover drugs operation is mounted when a woman on her way from Heathrow collapses in a taxi and is found to be carrying heroin in her stomach. (Oracle)

taxi and is tound to be carrying heroin in her stomach. (Oracle) 8.30 This Week. Sir Robin Day interviews the prime minister (Oracle)



At loggerheads: defence counsel Jill Eikenberry (9.00pm)

9.00 L.A. Law. Glossy American courtroom drama series. (Oracle) (s) 10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle)

Weather (17171) 10.30 Thames News (272125) 10.40 Election Debate '92. John Prescott, Michael Hesettine and David 10.40 Esection Departs 32. John Prescott, wichaet Hesetune and David Bellotti answer questions from a studio audience made up of voters in the south-east (509355)

11.40 01. A guide to the capital's entertainment scene (53046)

12.10am A Problem Aired. Viewers emotional problems discussed by

experts (52195)
12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Diamonds Aren't Forever, George

Lazenby plays a secret agent trying to stop a country being taken over by communists (23195) 1.10 Film: A Kind of Anger (1984) starring Rolf Zacher. German-made

spy drama about a newpaperman trying to track down a woman who disappeared after having an affair with an Iraqi officer. Directed by Ulrich Edel (73737)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard discusses mother-

uaugnter relationships with Jayne Irving, Nina Myskow and Helen Storey (37447)

3.30 Murphy's Law. Comedy drama series starring George Segal as an insurance claim investigator (r) (72466)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (38176)

5.00 Videotashion. Top male mortele (r) (15200)

5.00 Videofashion. Top male models (r) (15737) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (53824). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3029713) 9.25 Schools (54416423)

12.00 Nosh's Ark. Spenish wildlife documentary series about the nature and environment of Venezuela (14084) 12.30 Business Daily. Financial news from the world's money markets

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (21862)
2.00 Film: The Strange Love of Martha Ivers (1946, b/w) starring Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heffin, Kirk Douglas and Lizabeth Scott. Hard-edged melodrama with Stanwyck as a wealthy woman with a past who incites her childhood sweetheart to murder her weaking

husband. Directed by Lewis Milestone (89762249)
4.10 Film: A Ducking They Did Go (1938, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as duck-shooting salesmen selling shares on a duckless leke (5360862)

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers

competition hosted by Richard Whiteley (268)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. In a Disabling World contribution, the chat show hostess meets facially and physically disfigured adults and children with their own stories of success and courage. Teletext) (s) (4021065)

5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (845317) 6.00 My Two Dads. American cornecty series about two bachelors who

"inherit" a 12-year-old girl. (Teletext) (133) 6.30 Remote Control. Comedy quiz show with Tony Wilson and Phil

Cornwell (s) (713) (13) ws with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) 출 7.00 Channel 4 Ne Weather (592997)

7.50 Voters. Three voters at a Surrey golf club discuss general election issues which they deem important (744794) 8.00 Disabling World: Free For All. A look at disabled people taking direct action to show they are ignored by people who run Britain's transport systems (3249)

8.30 The Big One. Comedy series starring Sandi Toksvig and Mike McShane as ill-matched flat-mates (5084)
9.00 Israel: A Nation is Born.

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Paying their last respects: McKenna, Kendal, Harris (10.00pm)

10.00 The Camomile Lawn. In the final episode of the four-part adaptation of Mary Wesley's novel the cousins assemble on the Camomile Lawn in the winter of 1984. Starring Virginia McKenna. Felicity Kendal and Rosemary Hemis. (Teletext) (s) (7109797)

11.05 Disabiling World: Interface. Lest look at relationships and disabled people. (Teletext) (414423)

11.35 Disabiling World: Behind the Eye. The work of three visually

impaired artists (Teletext) (s) (266423) sam Midnight Special presented by Vincent Hanna. The tatest

election campaign news including a party political broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (345027) 2.35 The Street. American police drama series (6328398). Ends at 3.00

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11.45 A Soldier's Tale (1988): Second world wer romance (325152)
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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service World News; 6.09 News about Britain; 6.15 The World Today 6.30

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Schubert (Three German
Dances, D 618); Strauss
(Suite, Le bourgeois
gentilhomme) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week;
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Leonhardt, with Sebastian Hennig, treble, Paul Esswood allo, Kurt Equituz, tenor, Max van Egmond, bass); Hummel (Grand Concerto in F:

Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Martiner,

oboe, bassoon and piano; Melos Ensemble of London);

Mozart (Se il padre perdei, idomeneo, Act 2: Dresden Staatskapelle under Karl Böhm, with Edith Mathls,

soprane); Withern Huristone (Tno In G minor: Victoria

Maksymiuk performs Tcheskovsky (Fantssy Overture, Romeo and Juliet); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2

an F minor. Arthur Pizarro);
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piano) 11.40 BBC Scottish Symphony

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Frank Martin (Etudes)
2.00 The Burghers of Calais:
Glyndebourne Fastival Chorus under Ivor Bollon; BBC
Singers and Concert Singers and Concert Orchestra under Simon Joly

Orchestra under Simon Joly perform Rudolf WagnerRégeny's operar. With John Connell, base, as the
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4.25 Modelfied on Mozzart? The
pianist Peter Katin plays
Mozzart (Fantasy in C minor, K
475; Sonata in C minor, K
457); Beethoven (Sonata in C
minor, Op 13, Pathetique) (r)
5.30 Wainly for Pleasure, with
Richard Beker 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Dr Joanna Woodal
chairs a discussion on the
Rembrandt exhibitions in the
National Gallery and British
Museum

7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Oliver Knussen
performs Elliott Carter (Three
Occasions); Mark Nellirug
(Violin Concerto: Pinches

Zukerman)
8.16 Pascal Rogé: The planist plays Fauré (Nochunes: in E flat minor, Op 33 No 1; in B, Op 33 No 2; in A flat, Op 33 No 3; in E flat, Op 36; Pascambles: A minor, Og 26; i Rarcarolles: A munor, Op 28; in A flat, Op 44); Poulenc (Suite, Les Soirées de Nazalles) (r) Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenspent under Nicholas Kraemer, with Emma Kirkhy, experience Alicholas Kraemer, with Emma Kirkby, soprano, performs Vivaldi (Concerto, per la Solennità di S Lorgezo; Se in campo armato, Cartone in Utica: Oual candido fiore, Orisndo); Telemann (Suite in D, Tatelmusik, Set 2). 10,00 Concelled from View, with Nicholas Davidson (r). 10,00 Bach (Brendenhum Concerto).

Cantone in Utica; Ferma Tecdoslo, L'Atenaide; Concerto in G minor, RV 576, Sue Altezza Reale di

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Bech (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G): Vivaldi (Se mai

Sessonia)
11.00 The Honky-tonk Man: Jimmy
Yancey (r) 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Week: Borodin (r)
1.60-2.00 Night School (except in
Scotland) (as Radio 5 at Sem)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

String Ensemble performs Rossini (Sonatz for strings No 1 in G); John Wookrich COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY TV CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 6.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.38 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Election Cast 071-799 5000, Alex Salmond, leader of the

Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, answers voters' questions 10.00-10.30 Charity Ends at Hon (FM only): The final episode of Colin Watson's Flexborough

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW cnly) 10.15 The Bible (LW cnly): Ezeles, Read by Paul Scofield (2 of 6) 10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Spurier meets people who have changed their careers to ward off the mid-life crisis, incl.

11.00 News 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Back to Square One:
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Chris Serie chairs the final programme of the quiz game (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One (LW only from 1.40)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Three-Way Spate in Rone Munro's play, Karen (Caroline Paterson) is contemplating suicide, and Dougle (Sandy Morion) is thinking of leaving his wife and daughter. Living in neighbouring bedeits, the two meet under bizarre Gircumstances (s)

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Yorkshire regional burns unit at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield (s) (r)

3.40-4.00 Poetry Please! (FM only) (s) 4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Heldi Thomas's Some Singing Biood at the Royal Court Upstairs; and Ben Olot reads from his new yolume of metry (s) new volume of poetry (s) 4.45 Short Story: Moonbeam

Kisses, by Leonora Brito

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everyone else. It is both heaven and helf for Jason, 28, jobless, and the sout of generosity. When in drink — his only form of escapism except for womanising — he says the housing estate is Time of grey, constantly rain-sodden, and full of uply people. Anyone, he says, no metter how upty or stupid, can be a Casanova there. The local

women clearly find him neither ugly nor stupid. When he says he is the area's stud, it is not said boastfully, simply as a matter of treat as matter of fact (s)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only)
8.00-9.00 Campaign Report (LW 8.00 Analysis: Back Over There?
Professor Laurence Martin
chairs a discussion on the

disengagement by the United States from the military and economic spheres 8.45 The New Recruit: The Male Models. Ken Swift, a 1950s model, talks about how the

model, talks about how the profession has changed (s)
9.06 Does He Talks Sugar?
9.30 Kelekidoscope (s) (f)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtimer Bizzing Paddles, written and read by Brian Wilson (4 of 5)
11.00 Sex, Lies and Audiotape: Third of a six-part comedy series written by Simon Booker (r)
11.30 Election Platform
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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